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By Telegraph to the News and Observer. MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., Jan. 2.—Congressman Scott's Pennsylvania colliery suspended operations today, throwing one thousand miners out of employment.

Another assignment. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. BELLFONTE, Pa., Jan. 2.—The large iron firm of Curtin & Co., near here, made an assignment today in favor of ex-Gov. A. G. Curtin and Constans Curtin. The liabilities are about \$200,000.

Miners on a Strike. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. SHAMAKER, Pa., Jan. 2.—J. Langdon & Co., proprietors of the pink ash vein at the Neilson shaft, offered to start work this morning at a reduction of 15 per cent, but the miners, numbering four hundred, rejected the offer and went on strike.

Safe arrival at Norfolk. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 2.—The steamer West Cumberland which put in here today for coal brought the crew and passengers of the four masted schooner Millie G. Bourne of Boston for Montevideo dismantled and abandoned at sea December 22, after being set on fire.

Influenza Among Prisoners. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Warden Fuller writes to the superintendent of the State prison that there are over four hundred cases of influenza among the prisoners in the Clinton prison, and the working force is being weakened by new cases from hour to hour. His clerk and assistant clerk are also confined to their beds at Plattsburg.

A Train Wrecked. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 2.—A special to the Republic from Little Rock says: A passenger train was wrecked last night at Wabaska, fifteen miles north of Pine Bluff, on the Cotton Belt road. Engineer Apperson was killed and several passengers were injured. Three coaches filled with passengers, the baggage car and engine were thrown down an embankment twenty feet high. A wrecking train was sent from Pine Bluff. The wires are down and no further particulars can be learned.

Washington News. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Bond receipts today aggregated \$60,500, as compared at 104 1/2 for four and a half and 126 for four. Total bonds surrendered by national banks in liquidation for government deposits amount to \$5,761,500. The debt statement issued today shows a decrease of the debt during the month of December \$3,123,033 39; decrease since June 30, \$23,693,710.12; total interest bearing debt, \$839,985,909.03; total debt of all kinds, \$1,610,569,053.91; cash in treasury, \$618,766,911.30; total debt less legal tender notes outstanding \$346,681,016; certificates of deposit outstanding, \$9,000,000; gold certificates outstanding, \$122,985,889; silver certificates outstanding, \$282,949,073; fractional currency, \$6,914,132.47.

Foreign News. By Cable to the News and Observer. LONDON, Jan. 2.—The vessel with which the Imman line steamer, City of Paris, was in collision in the Mersey yesterday was a British steamer, Birefield, bound from Liverpool for Cardiff. The bowsprit of the City of Paris was not carried away as was first reported, but was only slightly damaged. The Birefield lost her starboard, fore rigging and sprung the foremost. By wires, Jan. 1.—The strike among the colliers is still spreading. At Liege 1,200 miners have joined the movement. BAVARIA, Jan. 2.—The report that the library in the Royal Palace at Loeven was burned in the fire which destroyed that structure yesterday, proves to have been unfounded. A number of important documents relating to Congo, a free State, were destroyed. The Queen's entire wardrobe was also burned. The Queen and Princess Clementine are greatly prostrated by the burning to death of the governor of the Prince's and the destruction of the palace. BRITAIN, Jan. 2.—The miners in Breton have struck for eight hours as a day's work, an unlimited output and higher wages. The masters and men are negotiating for the settlement of the trouble. DUBLIN, Jan. 2.—McInery, editor of the Limerick Leader, who has been on trial for intimidation, has been found guilty and sentenced to three months imprisonment. The Appeal Court has dismissed similar charges made against Redmond, of the Waterford News, and Fisher, of the Munster Express, of Waterford. LONDON, Jan. 2.—The citation to appear as a co-respondent in the suit for a divorce brought by Capt. O'Shea against his wife was received by Parnell at the office of his Counsel L-wis today.

FIRE IN NEW YORK.

A ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR PLANT BURNED.

THE DOWN TOWN SHOPS OF THE EDISON ILLUMINATING COMPANY TOTALLY DESTROYED—MANY BUSINESS PLACES LEFT IN DARKNESS.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The down town shops of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company were burned this morning. The current generated upon the dynamo supplies 18,000 incandescent lights in the down town district, most of which burned all day in banks and offices below Fulton street. All of them went out at 6:50 o'clock. By shifting the source of supply, Superintendent Smith hoped to have them all relighted before noon. The fire broke out at 6:07 in the dynamo room. It gutted the building No. 525 and 527 Hart street, and resisted the efforts of the firemen for an hour. They succeeded, however, in keeping it within the walls of the factory building. Travel on the East Side elevated railroad lines was suspended for several hours, the firemen holding possession of the track in front of the building and fighting the flames from the iron structure. The loss to the Edison Company is put at \$100,000. It is covered by insurance.

A Heavy Rain Storm. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—The heavy rain storm of yesterday and last night sadly demoralized all kinds of electric wires in this city, and it was not until after midnight last night that they were brought into proper working order. The telephone was especially exasperating, it being almost impossible to get communications over it, and several serious accidents were occasioned by the electric light wires. About eight o'clock in the evening the electric light wires fell to the ground at the corner of Seventh and Morgan streets. A few moments after Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their dog passed the corner. The dog touched the wire and was a corpse in a jiffy. Mrs. Smith ran to the dog, and not seeing the wire stepped on it and was thrown some distance and fell unconscious. Her husband sprang to pick her up and received a severe shock, but was not rendered insensible. Mrs. Smith was restored to consciousness by a physician, but had a narrow escape from death. A crowd collected, and some coming in contact with the wires were knocked insensible. A fireman named Hogan rushed to the rescue and was very severely shocked. One was so badly hurt that he was sent to the city hospital. A horse was killed by stepping on a fallen wire on the corner of Vandeventer and Finney avenue, and several other minor accidents occurred in different parts of the city.

McLean's United States Senator. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The Helena, Mont., Ho. ald, republican, telegraphs as follows: At a joint session of the Legislature today the result of the first ballot was as follows: Powers 16, Mantel 11, Hershfield 3, Richard 7, Thompson 1. Second ballot: Powers 35, Mantel 3. The president then announced the election of Hon. T. C. Powers as U. S. Senator. Powers is a wealthy merchant and was the late candidate for Governor on the republican ticket and was defeated by Toole.

Fayetteville Amateurs. Salisbury Herald. The Knickerbocker Opera Company, which is composed entirely of Salisbury talent, seems to be in demand and have had invitations to visit several of our neighboring towns. They have accepted an invitation to play in Concord on the 9th, and besides this, propositions have been received by them to play at Winston and Hukory. The invitations to visit Greensboro and Winston will probably be accepted at an early day, but the invitation to open the new opera house at Hickory on the 18th has been declined. The "Little Tycor," as played by them, is well worth seeing.

The Woman is in Dead Earnest. The head schoolmaster at Donald, British Columbia, played in great luck lately. Somebody wrote in his name to a lady advertising for "correspondence, and what it may come to." The consequence was that he received a letter and a check for \$250 on the National Bank of Minneapolis and an invitation to come at once and get married and receive \$10,000 on his wedding day. The teacher is thinking the matter over.

Pullman Cars Attached in Georgia. It seems that Georgia has followed the recent example of North Carolina in making a test of taxing Pullman cars operating in the State. An Atlanta special says: Sheriff Thomas, of Fulton county, levied upon one of the Pullman Company's palaces, cars by order of the Comptroller General. The last General Assembly passed a law taxing all palaces car companies coming into Georgia upon the amount of their property coming into the State. The companies were required to make returns, but have failed to do so.

There are 86,119 paupers, exclusive of vagrants and lunatics, in London at the present time.

WORK BEGUN.

THE BIG ROANOKE CANAL ENTERPRISE UNDER WAY

Weldon News. Yesterday, the first day of January, 1890, marks, we hope, the beginning of a new era of growth and prosperity to Weldon and its entire section of country, for yesterday began the long hoped for but long deferred development of the great water power which is capable of putting sixteen thousand horse power into operation and moving the machinery of numberless mills and factories. The company has determined to build the canal at once, and says that work which began yesterday shall not cease until part of Roanoke river shall be diverted from its natural channel and brought around the falls to this place.

In reply to their advertisement the company received several bids for clearing off the right of way, but declined them all and decided to do that work themselves. They secured the services of Mr. Morton Riddle, of Petersburg, as superintendent. Mr. Riddle some years ago was extensively engaged in the lumber business at Crowley's, in this county, in which he was eminently successful. Mr. Riddle is here now attending his work as superintendent of the canal. He is in the work with ten hands, but expects to increase the number to thirty in a day or two. With these he will clear off and make ready for excavation that section of the canal lying between Weldon and the aqueduct, a distance of about one mile. He expects to complete this part of the work within three weeks, unless prevented by bad weather. By the first of February the company intends to begin excavating this portion of the canal so that it may be completed before warm weather, in order that the health of the town may not be affected.

As soon as this portion is ready for excavation Mr. Riddle will begin work on the remaining portion of the canal—a distance of about seven miles. He will then work about one hundred hands, for which he pays forty cents a day and rations, or fifty cents a day without rations. It is not known how long he will be employed in this part of the work, but it will occupy at least several months. When this is done the engineers will lay off the ground for the work of excavation and the company says it will be pushed vigorously until the canal is opened from its head to this place and water to the extent of 1,600 horse power is flowing through it. The company intends to widen the canal from time to time as the water may be in demand. The present width of the canal will be thirty-five feet at the top, twenty-three feet at the bottom and an average depth of four feet.

The Seaboard Railroad Company, whose tracks cross the canal just on the edge of town, has been notified to lengthen its bridge to seventy feet. We understand the railroad intends to put an iron bridge that length across the canal. It will probably cost ten thousand dollars. It is not known whether the work of excavation will be done by the Canal Company itself or will be let to contract. In either event from one to three hundred hands will be employed, which, in itself, will be of great benefit to many. The company intends to erect this summer at this place a brick mill with a capacity of 2,000 bushels of corn a day, and before January 1st, 1891, Weldon will be a manufacturing town with a future unequalled in brilliancy. It is earnestly hoped by the people of this community that no unseen obstacle will prevent the fulfillment of their long cherished hopes.

First Message by Wire. The News and Observer yesterday received the following message by the Postal Telegraph line: ELIZABETHTOWN, N. O., Jan. 2, '90. S. A. Ashe, Raleigh News and Observer: We have today received the first telegraph to this place. J. A. McDOWELL. The News and Observer at once sent a telegram in reply, congratulating Elizabethtown upon its connection by electricity with the remainder of the world. May this be only the beginning of a career of progress and prosperity for Elizabethtown.

The estate of the late Alfred Cowles business manager of the Tribune, valued at \$1,200,000, and is left to three children, Alfred Cowles, Jr., the eldest son, Sarah Frances Cowles, and William Hutchinson Cowles, each to receive one-third of the estate. The property is to be held in trust by the executors until the youngest child is thirty years of age, when it is to be turned over to the children.

The Washington Progress says: Mrs. Satterthwaite, the aged widow of the honorable and talented F. B. Satterthwaite, met with a painful accident on Christmas evening. She was out on the piazza and being old and eyesight dim she fell to the ground, dislocating her right shoulder. She is getting on as well as could be expected.

Pete Jackson Accepts the Challenge. LONDON, Jan. 2.—Jackson, the colored Australian pugilist, has accepted the acceptance of the Sullivan challenge of the California Athletic Club. At a bull fight at Villa Lardo yesterday the amphitheatre fell, and nearly one hundred persons were injured, several fatally.

A BIG DAMAGE SUIT.

IMPORTANT VERDICT AGAINST A RAILROAD.

A WIDOW WINS OVER TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN A RAILROAD LAW SUIT IN DELAWARE.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer. WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 2.—In the Superior Court this afternoon, the jury in the case of Elizabeth B. McComb vs. the Southern Railway Association rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the full amount claimed, \$2,204,100, being the heaviest ever given in a Delaware court. The plaintiff is the widow of the late Col. Henry B. McComb, who was a heavy stockholder in the Mississippi Central Railroad, which was absorbed by the Southern Railway Association, and the verdict is for nine hundred Mississippi Central coupon bonds of one thousand dollars each, bearing interest at seven per cent from the date of issue December 15, 1873. The verdict does little more than establish the validity of the plaintiff's claim, since the assets will fall far below satisfying the judgment. The argument was begun in the United States Circuit Court here today in an allied case entitled "The Rogers Locomotive and Machine Works of New Jersey to the use of Elizabeth B. McComb vs. The Southern Railway Association of Tennessee and Mississippi."

Henry Blount's Tribute. Many beautiful tributes to the memory of our great chief, Jefferson Davis, were uttered throughout the South and published in the papers, but for tender pathos, beautiful imagery, poetic thought, graceful and eloquent language, says the Argonaut, we have seen nothing to excel the production of Henry Blount, of the Wilson Mirror. We copy the following extract:

"All over this sun-bathed, beautiful South-land to-day; from where the shining waters of the lordly Potomac pour their silver tides into the bosom of the wooing Chesapeake, to the vine-crowned towers in tropical vales, where the warm, passionate Gulf breeze kisses with amorous breath the blushing petals of flowers that live in everlasting beauty and fragrance; from the sand-wrapped coast of the Atlantic, where the splashing of the billows, like the music of merry laughter, awakes the sunbeams of morn; to the far away slopes of the Southern Pacific, where daylights are sung to sleep in the murmur of a lulling lullaby, thousands of commingling heart beats are pouring their confident tides of sympathy and sorrow to that hallowed tomb in New Orleans that is, at this very moment, pouring its bosom to receive in peaceful embrace all that is mortal of the grand and peerless and incomparable patriot and statesman—our beloved Jefferson Davis. And in many a hamlet and many a village and many a town and many a city, utterances are now being made that are as tender and as affectionate, and as full of honest devotion as the love-songs of the gondolier sings, when under the soft, bewitching glamour of mild Italian skies, he dips his oar into the shimmering bosom of moonlit waters, and times his stroke to the ripple of his song."

The McLean-Preseott Combination. The McLean-Preseott Combination will appear here in Richard III on January 7th. Mr. McLean is quite a young man. He is scarcely over 30. He belongs to that school of robust and massive delineation of which Mr. John McCullough was a representative exponent. But he is of a more intellectual temperament than was the dead actor. McLean is a gentleman of high education.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia World says: His Richard III was an agreeable surprise to me last week. I had not expected the performance which he presented. It was palpable that he had accorded the close attention of intellectual analysis to the text. His action showed ingenuity in creating byplay and stage business, and his whole work was illuminated by true dramatic spirit.

The Oak City Steam Laundry. We direct the especial attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Oak City Steam Laundry, which appears elsewhere. This enterprise has been operating in Raleigh for fourteen months and its efficiency has been thoroughly established by its superior work. Those who wish good service would do well to read their advertisement and send orders to the Oak City Steam Laundry.

Whoever Holds ticket 10,988 will present it and get the elegant gold watch; 7,265 will get the handsome French doll, number 1,651 the Paris hat. Don't forget when you call to examine the many lots of goods that are being cleared out at such remarkable low figures. At every counter and in all departments you see matchless bargains at

Norris & Carter's. Cold weather at last, and we give people a price advantage when they need it. The balances of our stock of ladies' wraps to be sold here, February 1st at about half price.

C. M. Dewey, it is said, will be the president of the Union League Club.

FOURTEEN TESTS OF THE ELECTRIC MACHINES.

A special commission appointed to test the efficacy of the electrical machines which Harold P. Brown has sold to the State to be used in putting murderers to death arrived in this city at 7 o'clock this morning.

When the committee was asked if reporters would be allowed to witness the test of the electrical machines the members smiled and said: "Yes, if they will allow themselves to be placed in the chair." When making tests of the machine in Sing Sing prison last week, reporters from New York newspapers were admitted, but they wrote such sensational accounts of the tests that the commission was shocked. The commission thereupon decided that no reporters should be allowed to witness any more of these tests. This information was pleasantly communicated by Dr. MacDonald, said that the Commission simply desired to ascertain whether the machine possessed the voltage called for by the State's contract with Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown had nothing whatever to do with the tests. The Commission will make an official report of the tests to Gen. Lathrop. The work of testing the machinery was begun early, but the dynamo had been in motion only a few moments when one of the steel pulleys broke and the test had to be postponed until this afternoon.

This afternoon the commission purchased an old horse and a four-week-old calf, and took them into the prison. The animals were electrified, and this evening Dr. MacDonald described the result of the test to the reporters. He said that they were very successful, and had demonstrated that the alternating current possessed the power to cause death instantaneously. The old horse was killed first. A quantity of cotton waste was fastened to his head and around his right hind leg just below the gambol joint. Then the wires were attached and the current turned on. The contact of the current with the horse's body was less than half a minute, and he was killed instantly. The current registered about one thousand volts. Dr. MacDonald said that this confirmed an experiment which he and Dr. Rockwell had had with a horse at Edison's laboratory last summer. The horse killed then did not struggle. The horse killed today was despatched as effectually. In the case of the calf the current was of the same voltage as in the case of the horse; the contact on the calf was less than two seconds. As soon as the calf fell over Dr. Fell went to work on its body to see if animation had simply suspended. He performed the operation of tracheotomy, opening the wind-pipe and applying his patent resuscitating apparatus. An artificial respiration was kept up for half an hour, but there was no sign of returning life.

The heart of the calf could not be made to beat again, and the members of the commission were in high glee because Dr. Fell's apparatus has been used with success in five cases upon human patients. These cases were ones where attempts to take life had been made with poison and cutting the throat. An artificial respiration had been kept up for several hours and the patients restored to life. Dr. Fell was brought here by the commission for the special purpose of making this test. The apparatus which he used is his own invention and consists of a bellows and tube and a delicate mechanical contrivance to govern its working. Dr. MacDonald said that Dr. Fell's failure to restore the calf's life demonstrated the power of electricity to cause death instantly, and that the theory of temporary suspension of animation was nonsense. The machine in Auburn Prison can generate a current of 2,000 volts.

Health of the Queen and Prince. LONDON, Jan. 1.—Upon the authority of a court official it is stated that neither the queen nor the prince of Wales is in robust health. The queen, whose health has hitherto been generally good, has suffered of late years from acute rheumatism, causing an indisposition to enter into engagements involving public appearances for any remote date. The prince of Wales finds that frequent change of life and scene benefits him greatly, and though not a man of very enduring physical strength, he has been generally able to fulfill his public engagements. Of late he has found himself unable to maintain all the activity of his earlier days, especially in regard to the sports incident to this season of the year. In some respects the prince is less robust than the queen, and though in fairly good health is advised by his physicians that his constitution is one needing considerable care and moderate exercise.

Brown's Iron Bitters is a specific in all cases of swamp fever, intermittent fever, and malaria of any name. Low, marshy ground, stagnant pools of water, decaying vegetable matter, changes of climate while suffering from general debility, all produce malaria. Brown's Iron Bitters cures all forms. Don't use quinine. It creates constipation, produces headache, and not infrequently rheumatism and neuralgia. Brown's Iron Bitters never does. It will cure them.

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Mary Anderson Will Retire and May Marry.

A press dispatch from New York, where Mary Anderson is sojourning, says the actress declared yesterday that she has no intention of returning to the stage, at least for an indefinite period. Mrs. A. De Navarro and her son of New York, with whom Miss Anderson is traveling, are the only persons now enjoying the companionship of the actress. Great intimacy has arisen between them, and it is generally understood this intimacy has developed into an engagement between young Navarro and Miss Anderson. If this is so it explains the recent change in the actress' plans.

A Famine in the Button Market.

An advertisement in a city paper reads: "Wanted, a girl to sew on pants." There may be a man here and there who is willing to have his pants "sewed on," but he must have a deuced better getting them off when he is in a hurry to get into bed. Is there a famine in the button market that pants should be sewed on?

A High Death Rate.

New York, Jan. 1.—The death rate in this city owing to the prevalence of influenza is unusually high. The number of deaths recorded in the bureau of vital statistics today was 164, 56 of these being from pneumonia and 20 from bronchitis.

Headache, whether arising from indigestion or nervousness, thoroughly unites any one for attention to business or any other active effort. Laxador Syrup cures this distressing disorder, affording prompt relief after the first dose. Price 25 cents.

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The handsomest line of Satin Etchings ever exhibited in the State can be seen at Fred A. Watson's Picture and Art Store. In the collection is a satin copy of "The Angelus," the highest price picture now in America. On Christmas Goods I am prepared to offer extra inducements. Elegant line of novelties, hand painted cards, Chamois skin goods elaborately furnished. Shoppers can save money by looking through my stock. Mail orders have prompt attention.

From now until February 1st, 1890, the balance of our entire stock of ladies' wraps will be sold at about half price. Each garment is marked in plain figures. Never before have such bargains been offered to the people.

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & Co. A North Carolina bishop suggested peanuts, a product of his State, as a sleep-bringer. Now the medical faculty are beginning to find out that moderate rations of "goobers," thoroughly chewed, are good for brain workers. That must be the reason why the gods in the peanut gallery are so awfully clever.—Washington Star.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS. Mrs. Winslow's soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once, produces natural quietude by relieving the pain from pain, and the little cherub wakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste; soothes the child, softens the gums, always relieves the wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

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