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best endeavors to divert the through travel from the Baltimore and Ohio, but has never availed itself of its privilege of breaking up entirely the "air line" arrangement by giving the requisite six months' notice. About the first of last September the Pennsylvania road notified the managers of the Baltimore and Ohio road that they would discontinue running by way of the Baltimore and Ohio any of the stock equipment of the "air line" on the morning and noon trains in both directions, the effect of which was to continue the Baltimore and Ohio to one (a night) train each way in twenty-four hours. On Saturday last the Baltimore and Ohio was notified by the Pennsylvania Central that on Sunday night they would absolutely withdraw all night trains by the Baltimore and Ohio in both directions. These are believed to be the facts in the case. They may not, however, be strictly correct in all particulars. Scott is now carrying the war into Italy with some dash and vigor, but Garrett, it is suggested, holds the trump card in the game of war, and may soon draw his subtle opponent across the Mediterranean into Africa, where Zama shall be more than compensation for Cannae.

Read the kind, practical article from the New York Tribune, which we reprint this morning. Indeed, "destitute and burdened with debt," as we are, we must "look to the North for aid."

THE WARS IN THE EAST. We have heretofore discussed the British war against the Ashantees. Some of the London papers criticize the inadequate preparations of the Government for the invasion of the interior of that wild country. The force with which Sir Garnet Wolseley is attempting the subjugation of this fierce tribe is only seven hundred and fifty, men five hundred of whom are Europeans. The force of the enemy is stated at forty thousand. Now it is true that the trained, intelligent European soldier has a great advantage over the African savage, but it should strike every one that the little army of Wolseley is running a great risk. So far five Ashantee towns have been taken by the English.

The colonial power of the Dutch for many years has been on the decline. Of late they have made strenuous efforts to preserve their supremacy in the East Indies. The Sultan of Achene, a small but wealthy kingdom of Java, stands in the way of Holland's commercial enterprise in that island. In 1872 the government of Holland asked this Sultan for the cession of certain islands. On his refusal to cede them hostilities were opened, and have been since carried on. The latest news is favorable to the Dutch, the Acheneese having been forced to submit.

TIMELY TOPICS. The report from the Committee on Railway Transportation to the New York Trade Association denounces the present method of undertaking the construction of railroads without paid-up capital, the watering of stock, the management of roads by rings of favored stockholders, the transport of freight and passengers over the same track and the partial representation of stockholders in the boards of directors. The report also asks for further legislation for creating a State Board of Railway Commissioners, providing for minority representation of stockholders in boards of directors, forbidding companies from paying excessive dividends, doing away with first-class lines, prohibiting discrimination in tolls, prohibiting the leasing or combination of lines so as to destroy competition, forbidding railroad companies holding more real estate than actually necessary to their business, and also to engage in any mining or other similar business, and making it a penal offense for any official to accept a pass over a railway. Many of the points here reprobated, we agree with a Philadelphia contemporary in saying, aim at wholesale reforms which cannot too soon be brought about.

Railroad scandals seem to be as bad in Canada as in this country. They ruined Sir John A. McDonald, the late head of the Government. Recent developments connect the new Premier, Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, Hon. George Aikens and other members of the Cabinet with a company to work silver mines on Lake Superior. Shaw, the American Consul at Toronto, is also said to be one of this new ring. Canadians rightly think Mr. Mackenzie and his associates should live on their salaries and there with be content. But these are "fast" days, and good honest people are dreadfully old-fashioned.

Things ought to be as well in Florida, land of flowers and tropical fruits. They are, as the accounts of political doings and doings manipulations which come to us now and then testify. Littlefield added to the vivacity of affairs in that balmy, companion-wealth when he stole out railroad funds and was arrested there in the Florida spolia. Well, Littlefield was the cause of a little official infidelity in Tallahassee last Saturday. St. B. Little is Secretary of State and editor of the Radical organ, the Sentinel. Judge

Cooke is Attorney General. McLin commented severely in his paper on the opinion of the Attorney General that the State of Florida should repudiate the four millions of bonds issued to Littlefield in aid of the Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad and the proceeds of which were appropriated by Littlefield. This excited Cooke's ire, and he met McLin in the street and knocked him down twice, to the intense satisfaction, it is said, of many bystanders. It is certainly very unchristian in Littlefield to stir up strife between loyal citizens. This is the only remark we have to make.

Julius Caesar and others essayed without success the cutting of a canal across the Isthmus of Corinth. At last the work is to be done. It will be six miles long, that being the width of the Isthmus, and twenty-seven feet deep, with a bottom breadth of thirty-nine feet. There will be a large dock middle way. The work is to cost \$4,000,000. The grant is for ninety-nine years.

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