

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Four Per Cent Bonds—The Cash Balance in the Treasury—Death of Inter-State Commerce Commissioner Bragg.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug. 21.—The amount of 4 1/2 per cent. bonds continued at 99 per cent. to date is \$20,175,350. There are about \$3,000,000 of 4 1/2 per cent. still held by the National banks that will undoubtedly be presented for continuance.

The Treasury cash balance to-day is stated at \$155,641,538 of which \$16,700,000 is on deposit with National banks and \$19,000,000 is in subsidiary coin. Exclusive of these two items and of one hundred million gold reserve, there is therefore now in the Treasury nearly twenty million dollars, showing a very large increase during the last month.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Inter-State Commerce Commissioner Walter L. Bragg, of Alabama, died this afternoon at Spring Lake, New Jersey, where he had gone for a brief period of relaxation. No specific ailment is stated as having caused his death in the brief telegraphic announcement from Bragg's son to Secretary Moseley of the Commission. Commissioner Bragg has been failing, however, for two years past. He was wounded during the recent war between the States, in which he was an officer in the Confederate army, and to this wound, and the great exposure to which he was subjected, Bragg has attributed his constant ailments during recent years. His death, however, was entirely unexpected by his associates, by whom he was greatly respected and valued. He was a most arduous worker and even during the period of relaxation which he had sought at Spring Lake, he had been constantly engaged in the work of the Commission.

THE WARDEN MURDER.

Almy, the Murderer, Formally Committed to Jail.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

HANOVER, N. H., Aug. 21.—Judge Cobb, of the Police Court, with Attorney General Barnard and Solicitor Mitchell, accompanied by citizens, went to Almy's room in the Wheelock house this morning to conduct the preliminary examination of the murderer. Almy, in reply to Attorney General Barnard's question as to how he felt, said he had not any sleep and was in pain all night. The complaint against the murderer, which was in the customary form, was signed by N. A. Frost, and was read to Almy as he lay on his cot. When asked to plead, he hesitated and said, "I don't know what to do." Turning to Sheriff Foster, a near neighbor of the Warden family with whom he was well acquainted, he inquired: "What would you do, Henry?" Foster replied: "I don't know, Frank." Attorney General Barnard then suggested that it was always safe to plead "not guilty" and in that way his plea stands recorded. He waived examination and was committed without bail.

It was learned from physicians that the pain of which Almy complained was from apples of which he had so ravenously eaten and which tempted him from his hiding place in Warden's barn Wednesday night, than from his wound. Though he did not sleep, he was apparently much rested and he looks brighter.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Of Considerable Severity in Missouri and Illinois—No Serious Damage Reported.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

JERSEYVILLE ILL., Aug. 21.—This locality was visited by an earthquake shock Tuesday which was sensibly felt during the electrical storm, but it was supposed to be vibrations of heavy thunder and this was followed by another shock at 9 o'clock last night. Houses trembled and some people were badly frightened. The vibrations were from east to west.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 21.—Three distinct shocks of earthquake were felt last night. So far as can be learned the disturbance was noticed only in the western part of the city. The shocks were preceded by thunder and lightning but no rain fell. The mercury fell some fifteen degrees just before the shocks, the first of which was severe enough to rock houses and break crockery and windows. This was followed by two more shocks. The time of the disturbance was about 8:45 o'clock.

OIL MILL FIRE.

Burning in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURG, August 21.—A dangerous fire is burning at McDonald station, Washington county. An oil tank caught fire and burst, communicating with many wells and buildings. The train of the Panhandle R. R. is unable to get through the town.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. A cream of tartar baking powder Highest of all in leavening strength.—U. S. Government Food Report.

TRAIN ROBBERS.

An Express Car Robbed by Masked Men.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NASHVILLE, August 21.—A special from Griffin, Ga., says: The express car in charge of J. T. Byrne was held up by three masked men and robbed just east of Collins' station last night. Conductor Reed says he stopped at Collins' to let off a colored woman, and when the train pulled out saw no one get on but his engineer. Saw three men standing on the side of the road and they got on in front of the express car. Just as the train left the station, Byrne, the messenger, says, one of them entered the car with his pistol drawn, followed by the other two, who ordered him to unlock his safe, which he did at the point of three murderous looking pistols. The men were of medium size and wore as masks portions of black hats. They also wore large black aprons. Immediately after going through the car they rang the bell and when the train was nearly at a standstill jumped and ran off through the fields. Conductor Reed, who was making his way to the smoking car where it was supposed a row was in progress, saw one of the men running and says he expected the fugitive had cut some one and was making his escape.

Messenger Byrne says he does not know the amount taken, but that in the hurry the men overlooked some very large packages. It is rumored the amount was \$30,000, though Express officials only acknowledge about \$3,500. It is believed the passenger who got off at Collins was a confederate.

LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

Great Britain and China—Additional Details of the Martinique Cyclone—Loss of Life Greater Than at First Reported.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, August 21.—Additional details received here this morning from St. Pierre, the capital of the island of Martinique, which was visited by a terrible hurricane Tuesday night, shows that the facts already published were not only in no way exaggerated, but that they did not tell the full story of the disaster. The number of the dead was originally estimated at 60, with hundreds of injured. The latest dispatches received here announce that 518 people have been killed in the coast towns alone. The towns in the interior have not been heard from as yet. There is no doubt the loss of life in the interior towns may have been as great if not greater than in the coast towns.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The British Government has notified the Government of China, that from this time forth no British officers will be allowed to see in the Chinese navy. The British Government has taken this step on account of the refusal of the Chinese authorities to furnish an explanation of the insult of a Chinese officer in hauling down the flag of Admiral Long while in command of the Chinese North Coast Squadron at Hong Kong in 1890. Admiral Long resigned his commission in the Chinese navy, and was read to resign as his reason for resigning, that Chinese officers of the squadron were insubordinate. Later, as a result of Admiral Long's resignation, the Chinese Government declared that it would never again entrust real authority in the navy to any foreigner.

CHICAGO MARKET REVIEW.

Fluctuations in Prices of Grain and Provisions.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—In the wheat pit to-day the bulls made several attempts to secure higher prices but were met every time with a deluge of wheat from the longs. Great exports and clearances, strong cables and rumors of a probable removal of German duties, were new advices of importance. Free offerings of corn gave impression that the alleged clique of New Yorkers was endeavoring to unload and caused a severe slump in prices. Tendency to take up October option was also a disturbing factor in the September future.

Oats were very much unsettled. Rye and pork were easier. Wheat opened strong and higher. Liverpool being up 2 3/4 @ 3 1/4. London 3d up and all domestic markets higher. Shorts were nervous and made a rush to cover. First sales of December were at \$1.08 1/2 @ \$1.09. Free realizing by "longs," however, soon started prices on the down grade. Foreign advices caused a wild rush to sell, and eventually resulted in a drop of 3c from the start. December went off at \$1.05 1/2. Early in the last hour of the session Dec. wheat went at \$1.07 1/2, weakened and closed at \$1.05 1/2 or 1 1/2c under yesterday's closing price. Corn opened slightly higher with September at 67 1/2 @ 68 1/2. This figure was apparently regarded as a good thing portland for sales and prices quickly slid down to 65 1/2c. There was a recovery to 67c, another collapse to 65 1/2c, an advance to 66c, and finally close at 65 1/2c. Trading in September was severely let alone. October was the favorite option. September closed at 64 1/2c lower than on Thursday, while October declined only 3/4c, year 1/2c and May gained 1/4c. Oats opened excited at an advance of 3/4 @ 3/8c, buying orders being numerous, and little of the grain for sale. Realizing by "longs" turned the tide later, and prices declined 1/4 @ 1/2c. The market then fluctuated and closed 3/4 @ 3/8c higher than on the previous day. September closed at 31 1/2c. The country bought freely and covered short sales. Pork was strong at the opening, but weak later in the day. September started at \$10.35 @ \$10.40, but declined to \$10.20. Lard and ribs acted in a similar manner to pork. September and October declined 3c, and January 1894c. Spot rye held steady, while futures were easier. There was good export demand. Receipts were enormous, but offerings were light. Estimated receipts here to-morrow—Wheat 55 cars, corn 460 cars, oats 360.

A BOLD ROBBER.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she became a Child, she clung to Castoria. When she became Miss, she cried for Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

RAILROAD STRIKERS.

A Freight Blockade at Peoria, Illinois.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

PEORIA, ILL., Aug. 21.—The strike in the Peoria and Pekin union yards is still on. No freight trains are being handled at all. All passenger trains are now moving overtime. The Iowa Central and Terre Haute and Peoria trains began running into the Union depot last evening. There was only one act of violence reported. An attempt was made to transfer some sugar from the Glucose Company's works to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy cars. This road is not involved in the strike but the men moving the sugar were set upon and severely beaten. Two arrests were made last night. As the Big Four passenger train was pulling out shortly after midnight, a switchman named Sheehan jumped on the platform and uncoupled the cars. He was promptly arrested and will be held for trial until the strike is settled. David Dean Moore, chairman of the Strikers' Committee, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with inciting men to interfere with the Peoria and Pekin Union property.

MINE DISASTER.

Terrific Explosion of Giant Powder—Eight or More Lives Lost.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

BURKE, IDAHO, August 21.—Two hundred pounds of giant powder exploded at the mouth of the lower tunnel of the Black Bear mine near here Wednesday, with terrible effect. Four men were imprisoned at the breadth of the drift by rock which caved in and were suffocated. The bodies of the other men are not yet found, all hope of finding them alive has been given up. The explosion was terrific, tearing up the earth and caving in the tunnel for a distance of one hundred feet. Just how the explosion occurred cannot be ascertained, but it is supposed a lighted candle or fire from a pipe dropped into the box containing powder or fuse by some one passing was the cause.

BANK FAILURE.

The Fairly National Bank at Montgomery, Ala., Closes Its Doors.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., August 21.—A few minutes after twelve o'clock noon to-day President Hall of the Fairly National bank posted notice on its doors that the bank by a vote of directors had agreed to suspend payment temporarily, the cause stated being inability to raise money to make good, papers drawn by others, discounted by the bank and protested in New York. It is understood on the streets that the paper is a lot of drafts amounting to about \$100,000 on New York parties by President Woolfolk of the Alabama Terminal and Improvement Co., of this place. The bank has been handling these drafts for some time and they were always honored before. The bank's deposits are about \$65,000. The president of another bank is quoted as saying that more of the Fairly bank paper is held here by other banks, and that the suspension is temporary, and that matters will be soon arranged, no one suffering a money loss.

COTTON.

The New York Futures Market Yesterday.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The *Star's* cotton circular says: Cotton futures were very unsettled all day; opened at a smart advance in response to dearer reports from Liverpool, presently declined under sales to realize, made a fresh advance on buying orders by telegram, then again weakened, closing steady at 3 to 4 points advance from yesterday's closing prices. It could not be claimed that Liverpool disappointed our bulls for futures as that market made an advance equal to 9 of our points, and fully maintained it. But there seems to be no higher aim among our room traders than to get a "scalp" as opportunity may offer. Consequently they sold freely at the opening prices, and a decline soon followed. The rally was due to the echo of Liverpool market from out of town points. When this support was withdrawn prices again gave way.

STEAMER EL DORADO.

Captured by Bahama Wreckers—A Revenue Cutter Sent to Her Aid.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 21.—The *Pleasure's* Key West special reports that the Morgan Line steamer El Dorado had been floated and taken in shore to a comparatively safe harbor, where she is protected from the weather. Bahama wreckers then captured her, there being but few passengers on board. Captain Byrne appealed for help and by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury the revenue cutter McLane was again sent to the relief of the disabled steamer.

INTERNAL REVENUE FRAUDS.

A Christian Chinese Confesses to Forging Thousands of Labels.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—For several days internal revenue officers have been searching for a man who successfully forged agent Thomas' signature to thousands of labels placed on manufactured opium. Yesterday Yong Geo Ong, a christianized Chinese who was suspected of the forgery, confessed that he was the guilty person and in the presence of revenue officers initiated Thomas' signature so well that it could hardly be distinguished from the original.

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FIGHT WITH CONVICTS.

Desperate Attempt to Escape—Two Killed and One Wounded.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WALLA WALLA, WASH., August 21.—A desperate attempt was made at the penitentiary on yesterday afternoon by convicts to escape. W. M. Gleason and John Morris, convicts, were killed, and another convict wounded. A train-load of material was run into the brick yard, and as soon as it stopped several convicts seized the warden of the prison, while others got into the engine cab. The engineer, however, reversed his engine and ditched the train, which frustrated the original plan of the prisoners. The warden was being hurried away to another gate by the convicts when the guards began shooting. The entire force finally came to the rescue of the warden, and after a man had been killed and another wounded, order was restored.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 21, noon.—Cotton quiet and holders anxious to realize. American middling 4 7/8-16d. Sales to-day 6,000 bales, of which 4,700 bales were American; for speculation and buyers 900 bales. Receipts 1,000 bales, none of which were American. Futures steady—August and September delivery 4 20-64d; October and November delivery 4 24-64d; December and January 4 28-64d; February and March 4 41-64d. Futures closed steady.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 21.—Spirits turpentine steady at 34 cents. Rosin firm; good strained 31 1/2. SAVANNAH, Aug. 21.—Spirits turpentine steady at 34 1/2c bid. Rosin firm; good strained 31 20 @ 25.

MARINE.

Port Almanac—August 22.

Sun Rises..... 5:28 A M Sun Sets..... 6:42 P M Day's Length..... 13h 19m High Water at Wilmington 8:23 A M High Water at Wilmington 11:13 A M

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EXPORTS.

FOREIGN. PORT-AU-PRINCE—Brig Julia A Merritt—51,375 feet lumber. PORT-AU-PRINCE—Schr Orlando—117,138 feet lumber, 13 bbls tar, 2 casks spirits turpentine.

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