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was double treachery. But suppose he did; wasn't he using his ingenuity and taking advantage of the conditions presented to reach out and grab a two-cent-a-pound bounty for his people just as all the other high tariff statesmen were reaching out and grabbing everything within reach that they could for the benefit of their constituents? They all do it, and Edmunds thought he might as well while he had a good chance, and one that might never again present itself. And there is no reason why thrifty Vermont should be subjected to harsh criticism for sousing her hands into the grab-bag into which so many of her good Republican sisters were diving and raking out all they could. The whole thing is a game of grab in which she simply did some grabbing on her own account.

ARUSE THAT DIDN'T PAN.

An instance occurred when the McKinley tariff bill was under consideration in Congress which shows the grab-character of the protective tariff and also that it is dictated by local rather than national considerations. It is given on the authority of Senator Plumb, who accuses Senator Edmunds of taking an unfair advantage and also of a breach of implied faith to secure certain people in his State the benefit of a bounty which it was not the intention of the men who had charge of the tariff bill to give them. Senator Plumb says that when sugar was put on the free list and in lieu of the protective tariff a bounty for the sugar planters was substituted, the maple sugar men demanded that if the Southern sugar planters got a bounty on their sugars a similar bounty should be granted to them and they naturally expected their Senators to insist upon the demand and do all they could to secure the bounty. Mr. Morrill's term expired with the 51st Congress and his friends feared if the sugar bounty was not secured for Vermont it might jeopardize his chances for re-election, so maple sugar was included in the bounty scheme and passed by the Senate, with the tacit understanding that the conference committee would strike it out and Mr. Morrill having secured his return, that would be the end of it. Mr. Plumb says that's the reason why he voted for it.

It was a trick to be played on the sap-gatherers of the Green Mountain Sovereignty to help a brother Senator out of the woods. It shows how willing the Senatorial dignitaries are to help each other by methods that would be questionable even in ward politicians, methods based on fraud and a deliberate trifling with the people.

But the ruse didn't pan out, for when it was proposed to strike out the maple sugar bounty in the conference committee Senator Edmunds gave them to distinctly understand that if it was not retained he would pair against the bill, and as they needed every vote they had it stuck, and the sap drainers get their two cents a pound. Plumb accuses Edmunds of taking advantage of the situation, in violation of the tacit understanding, to secure a bounty for his people, which if his course had been anticipated could not have been secured.

Mr. Edmunds course shows the grab all character of the protective tariff, and that it is not inspired by the motive of protection at all, but is simply a grab in which every one interested goes for all he can get. The plea for a sugar bounty was to encourage a growing industry which was deprived of the protection it had when the tariff on sugar was repealed. Whatever reason the Louisiana sugar planter might have for asking this the maple sap boiler of Vermont had none. He did nothing in the way of building up an industry which required labor and capital. He simply bored a hole or cut a gash in a tree that never cost him an hour's labor or a dollar to plant or cultivate, caught the flowing sap, boiled the water out of it and saved the sugar. That's all there was to that "infant industry" that howled for a fostering bounty. Under the tariff it didn't have any protection for it didn't need it. There was no foreign maple sugar to compete with it, unless perhaps a few dabs of it now and then might be carted over from Canada, but when the patriotic Vermonters saw a chance to strike Uncle Sam's treasury for two cents a pound, with a characteristic thriftiness and a certainty that permitted no grass to grow under their feet, they hustled and went for it. Unless nature goes back on them and cuts short the sap supply, the probabilities are that the maple sugar crop will be for some years to come a pretty large one.

Senator Edmunds may or may not have violated the implied understanding. If he did he is doubly culpable; first, in entering into an agreement which was understood to be a mere ruse to deceive his own people, trifling with them; second, in violating the understanding and trifling with this brother Republican Senators who were parties to it. It

THE SEABOARD AIR LINE.

Rumors That It Will be Absorbed by the Richmond Terminal.

An Atlanta, Ga., dispatch says: "The Richmond and West Point Terminal system swallow the Seaboard Air Line? The indications are that it may. Events seem to confirm a report that negotiations are pending, by which the Robinson system, including the Seaboard Air Line and the Georgia, Carolina and Northern railroad will pass into the hands of its chief competitor, the Richmond and Danville. Coming on the heels of the collapse of the Macon Construction Company, and the reported withdrawal of Mr. Robinson from the arrangement, by which he was to gain the Georgia Southern system in building a road from Macon to Elberton to connect the two systems the report of negotiations between the Terminal and Robinson does not seem unreasonable. President John H. Inman of the Terminal system was asked for explicit information concerning two points—namely, first, whether the Terminal system had secured control of Robinson's seaboard system, and second, whether negotiations to that end were pending. Mr. Inman's reply was in these words: "No such trade has been made." The Robinson system is the strongest competitor of the Richmond and Danville, running in the same general direction, and the consolidation through Georgia, Alabama and Florida over the Georgia Southern and the Macon and Birmingham, it would be a powerful rival. The report of the consolidation lacks confirmation, but it has a color of probability, and the developments will be watched with great interest.

FINANCIAL TROUBLES ABROAD.

Difficulties of a Banking Institution in Paris—The London Stock Exchange Disturbed.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, March 12.—The Societe des Depots de Comptes Courants is in a critical position. It endeavored to borrow fifty million francs from the Bank of France without success. The government called a meeting of the Finance Committee to devise relief measures. The London Stock Exchange is disturbed in consequence. The Comptes Courants is still paying depositors freely.

The convention of financiers called together by Rourei, Minister of Finance, with a view of bringing about some arrangement which would enable the Societe des Depots de Comptes Courants to tide over its difficulties, resulted in the Bank of France agreeing to advance most of the money required. Shares of the Societe have fallen to 370 francs, a decline of 130 in two days. The following is the basis of settlement decided upon: The French spoliation claims, 50 million francs to the Societe, which sum is guaranteed by bills of the Societe, and the Societe calls for 370 francs per share from its shareholders; and financially, the Societe guarantees a sum of fifteen million francs to the Bank of France. The assets of the Societe will be assigned for the payment of the balance of the Societe, and the liabilities of the Societe are under sixty million francs.

MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

Leaves Broken at Several Points and a Great Overflow Expected.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

VICKSBURG, March 12.—News has been received here to-day of a break in the levee near Sunflower landing, in Colchoma county, 90 miles north of the Bolivia county line. At 8 o'clock this morning the break was 150 feet wide. Water from this break will go into Huspuckna and thence into Sunflower river. It will overflow the Bolivia County R. R., and trains on that line are expected to stop to-day.

MEMPHIS, March 12.—The levee at Conly's lake, thirty miles south of this city, gave way late last night and the water poured into the little village, completely flooding everything. The tracks of the Louisville, New Orleans & Texas Railroad are completely submerged, and the water is reported to be rising.

NEW ORLEANS, March 12.—A special from Natchez says: A steady rain has fallen all day. It will have a bad effect on the levees, as it will soften them and stop work on the embankments.

THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

President Polk's Views on the Election of Palmer as U. S. Senator from Illinois.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—President Polk, of the National Alliance, declined this morning to express his views on the election in Illinois of Gen. Palmer to the Senate, and the position of the three Alliance men in the recent contest in Illinois, further than to say that it appeared to him to have been a fight between the Republican and Democratic parties rather than a contest between the Alliance and the Alliance. The Alliance, he thought, had fought manfully for principles, and though they had not been victorious in sending a farmer to the Senate, he believed that Palmer's election would generally be regarded with more favor than that of any of the other candidates.

Mr. Polk said further that he knew of no promises being made by Palmer as to his policy in the Senate on any question whatever.

A PITTSBURG FIRE.

Loss About \$300,000, Well Insured.

PITTSBURG, March 12.—The fire last night on Great Wood street was not entirely subdued until 4 o'clock this morning; but the flames were kept within the Weldin and Germany bank building. Both these structures are completely ruined. As near as can be estimated to-day, the loss will be about \$300,000, on which there is an insurance of \$225,000.

The heaviest losers are J. E. Vin & Co., the Germany bank and Adam Reiman. The origin of the fire is a mystery. There were two heavy explosions of natural gas, but they occurred after the fire had been discovered. No lives were lost, although there were many narrow escapes from falling walls.

Many of the negroes who emigrated from Texas and Arkansas to Oklahoma are returning to Texas in large numbers. They are very indignant at the bullets which they have been passed upon.

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Receipts of Naval Stores.

Receipts of naval stores at this port for the crop year from April 1st to March 15th, as compared with receipts for the same time last year, are as follows: Spirits turpentine, 68,372 casks; last year, 65,778. Rosin, 948,949 barrels; last year, 970,864. Tar, 61,974 barrels; last year, 71,810. Crude turpentine, 17,882 barrels; last year, 19,173.

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Improvement of Mackey's Creek, N. C.

Bids invited for \$120,000 to \$140,000 worth of work in improving Mackey's Creek, N. C., were opened Wednesday at the office of Capt. W. H. Bisby, Corps of Engineers, and were as follows: P. Sanford Ross, of Jersey City, N. J., offered to do the work for 49 cents in scow per cubic yard; Alabama Dredging Co., of Mobile, 26 cents in scow; Chester T. Calar, of Norfolk, Va., 20 cents in scow and 84 1/2 cents in situ, (84 1/2 cents in situ equalling 87.60 cents in scow) according to specifications.

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Naval Stores for England.

Norwegian barque Hans Wilsen Hane, cleared yesterday for Liverpool, Eng., with 3,880 barrels rosin and 800 barrels tar, valued at \$6,016. Also, the Norwegian barque Mida, for Fleetwood, Eng., with 3,510 barrels rosin, valued at \$5,858. Both cargoes by Patterson, Downing & Co., and vessels by Heide & Co.

A dispatch from Beaufort, N. C., says fourteen hundred bales of cotton have been landed from the British steamer Craigsida, before reported ashore at Ocracoke Inlet. The vessel is leaking freely and a donkey engine is employed eight or nine hours every day to pump her out. Her stern post is gone. It is thought that when some more of her cargo is discharged the steamer will float, probably this week if the weather continues good. Her stern is four points off the beach and she lies head on.

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ENGLAND'S BLIZZARD.

Fearful Effects of the Recent Storm—Many Wrecks and Great Loss of Life.

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LONDON, March 12.—A foreign steamship (name unknown) was wrecked off Start Point, near Dartmouth, Eng., during the recent blizzard. All the crew and passengers were drowned.

The British ship Dryade, Captain Thomas, an iron vessel of 1,035 tons, from Shields for Valparaiso, was also wrecked off Start Point. The crew of twenty-four men and officers were drowned.

Among the schooners lost off Start Point was the Lunadesa. Four of the crew were drowned. Her captain was saved. The schooner Lizzie Helen was also lost and two of her crew drowned. It is already known that at least seven lives have been lost off the coast during the blizzard and, in addition at least ten men perished from cold and exposure after reaching the shore. It is feared that the list of wrecks and record of lives lost is far from being complete, as several vessels are missing.

Many points inland, where the storm was most severely felt, are still isolated from the surrounding country, and days must elapse before night and passenger traffic are entirely restored on branch lines of railroads. The loss to farm stock is enormous.

Canal streets filling up. A large space from curb to curb on each side of the Boulevard. Just on the stroke of 10 o'clock, a shout went up from people stationed at St. Charles street, and a number of gentlemen, among whom were W. S. Parkerson, John C. Wickliffe and others, who signed the call, made marching along and beating their hands and feet in the air, and shouting "Hurrah for Parkerson!" "Hurrah for Wickliffe!" "Get inside the railing and give us a speech!" These and other cries made up a confusion of noises, among which an angry shout of "Parkerson" was predominant. The space inside the railing was occupied by a dense crowd. "Come down from those steps," was the request, "and let Parkerson speak." The crowd obeyed with alacrity, and soon the speakers held these positions of vantage. A rush was made for the narrow gate and in a minute there stood a packed mass of humanity around the statue of the immortal Clay. The view of the attitude was predominant. There were fully 3,000 people within ear shot, and more could be seen struggling, pushing and running here and there on neutral ground. The crowd was unable to pass through, and vehicles of all descriptions were halted.

Parkerson spoke first. He said that once before he had appeared before the people in this manner. He had assembled to discuss matters of vital interest to the community, and again he faced the people of New Orleans to denounce the man who had committed the crime upon the most revolting crime in the criminal annals of any community. That act was the finding of the jury in the murder trial of the late Gen. A. C. Williams, and every body knows, the foul assassination of Chief Hennessy. "I desire neither fame, nor name, nor glory," said Parkerson. "I am a plain American citizen, and as a good citizen I am here."

After the speeches an indignant crowd of about 2,000 started for the Parish prison, which they reached at 10 o'clock. After a slight resistance the jail was surrendered and the citizens rushed in and killed eleven of the nineteen men who had been indicted for the murder of Chief Hennessy. The men were Manuel Polizzo, Pietro Monastero, Antonio Scaffeddi, Jos. Macheca, Antonio Marachese, Antonio Baquetto, Frank Romero, Carlos G. Gombi, Charles Trabine and Cometa. After the Italians had been put to death, Parkerson addressed the crowd, urging them to return to their homes or respective places of business without further demonstration.

Jos. Macheca had a pistol and shot Sergeant Herron in the neck, inflicting a slight wound. The pistol is hanging to a lamp-post. Tremaine and Cometa were shot to a tree in front of the prison. The others were shot in the cells.

When the citizens' committee had completed its work at the parish prison it disbanded for the day. A meeting will be held to-night to consider what further action, if any, shall be taken against the men who were indicted for the better class of citizens—business men, who were satisfied that the safety of the community demanded vigorous action. Antonio Baquetto was hanged on a neutral ground; his body dangled in the air for about an hour and a half. It was taken down by the police and placed in a coffin and sent to the States. Lemmonier found that death was caused by strangulation.

Mannel Polizzo was also strung up to a lamp post. His body was also removed to the police station. He was riddled with bullets. Death resulted from gun shot wounds of head and chest. There were marks of strangulation around his neck.

On March 12.—Coroner Lemmonier and his clerk, Henry La Barre, reached the Parish Prison at about 12:30 o'clock. The coroner viewed first the bodies of those lying in the morgue, and then the bodies of the first two bodies of the young men, John W. Stanbury, W. J. Leffert, John Hurter, W. J. Goin, Will Potter.

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WASHINGTON NEWS.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The first application for repayment of the Direct Tax, under the act of the last Congress was received at the Treasury Department to-day. It was from Gov. Hill, of New York, and the amount of money called for was about \$9,235,000. The application must be scrutinized by the Fifth Auditor, the First Comptroller and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue officer, who made the original collection. While the account is verified a draft will be sent to the Governor of New York. The money is to be held in trust for distribution to persons who paid the tax or their heirs.

The amount of silver offered for sale to the Treasury Department to-day was 870,000 ounces; the amount purchased was 303,000 ounces, at \$99.30 per ounce. Prof. C. W. Smith, chief of the city, special agent of the 11th census, and in charge of the division of fish and fisheries, has been temporarily relieved of his duties. The division has been stopped, and agents under him are recalled from the field, pending an investigation into charges which have been preferred against him affecting his official conduct. The charges are mainly those of influence and discredit and embarrassment the U. S. Fish Commission, and the consequence of his having thus occupied a large part of his time and that of his special agents the value of the work of his division has been seriously impaired. These charges are now under investigation by Census officials, who will soon make report to Supt. Porter. Prof. Smith is a native of New York, and is well and favorably known here among scientists, makes positive denials of these charges and is confident of a complete vindication.

The President and party returned to Washington at 8 o'clock this afternoon. The President enjoyed his visit and was fairly successful with his party.

The first application under the law providing for payment of the French spoliation claims, was filed in the Court of Claims to-day by the firm of Wm. Gardner, administrator for Caleb Gardner. The award in this case is \$41,578. The Court is asked to certify that claimants are entitled to award under original judgments.

The duty of the Court of Claims in the matter of these claims is now purely of a clerical character, being certification of the French spoliation awards to go to the first auditor of the treasury for entry upon his books and then the award goes to the warrant division of the treasury department, where a check is drawn and forwarded to the authorized party in interest.

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HENNESSY AVENGED.

ELEVEN OF THE NEW ORLEANS DARTS-GOS KILLED.

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NEW ORLEANS, March 14.—In the Hennessey case yesterday afternoon the jury rendered the following verdict: Mistrial as to Polizzo, Monastero, Scaffeddi; not guilty as to Macheca, Marchesi, Baquetto, Marchesi, (the boy) Incardoni, Matriangi and the other seven.

As the verdict was read there was an audible expression of surprise and dissatisfaction. The jurymen were hurried by the crowd in Lafayette Square as the jury court rose. It was alleged that Chief Hennessey was killed for his activity in unearthing crimes of Italian and Sicilian oath-bound societies. The trial began February 16th, 1891.

The scenes at and about the Clay statue this morning, brought to mind very forcibly and violently the peculiar and ominous circumstances of the September day, sixteen years ago. The trial of Chief Hennessey was a vast multitude was already congregated on Canal street filling up a large space from curb to curb on each side of the Boulevard. Just on the stroke of 10 o'clock, a shout went up from people stationed at St. Charles street, and a number of gentlemen, among whom were W. S. Parkerson, John C. Wickliffe and others, who signed the call, made marching along and beating their hands and feet in the air, and shouting "Hurrah for Parkerson!" "Hurrah for Wickliffe!" "Get inside the railing and give us a speech!" These and other cries made up a confusion of noises, among which an angry shout of "Parkerson" was predominant. The space inside the railing was occupied by a dense crowd. "Come down from those steps," was the request, "and let Parkerson speak." The crowd obeyed with alacrity, and soon the speakers held these positions of vantage. A rush was made for the narrow gate and in a minute there stood a packed mass of humanity around the statue of the immortal Clay. The view of the attitude was predominant. There were fully 3,000 people within ear shot, and more could be seen struggling, pushing and running here and there on neutral ground. The crowd was unable to pass through, and vehicles of all descriptions were halted.

Parkerson spoke first. He said that once before he had appeared before the people in this manner. He had assembled to discuss matters of vital interest to the community, and again he faced the people of New Orleans to denounce the man who had committed the crime upon the most revolting crime in the criminal annals of any community. That act was the finding of the jury in the murder trial of the late Gen. A. C. Williams, and every body knows, the foul assassination of Chief Hennessy. "I desire neither fame, nor name, nor glory," said Parkerson. "I am a plain American citizen, and as a good citizen I am here."

After the speeches an indignant crowd of about 2,000 started for the Parish prison, which they reached at 10 o'clock. After a slight resistance the jail was surrendered and the citizens rushed in and killed eleven of the nineteen men who had been indicted for the murder of Chief Hennessy. The men were Manuel Polizzo, Pietro Monastero, Antonio Scaffeddi, Jos. Macheca, Antonio Marachese, Antonio Baquetto, Frank Romero, Carlos G. Gombi, Charles Trabine and Cometa. After the Italians had been put to death, Parkerson addressed the crowd, urging them to return to their homes or respective places of business without further demonstration.

Jos. Macheca had a pistol and shot Sergeant Herron in the neck, inflicting a slight wound. The pistol is hanging to a lamp-post. Tremaine and Cometa were shot to a tree in front of the prison. The others were shot in the cells.

When the citizens' committee had completed its work at the parish prison it disbanded for the day. A meeting will be held to-night to consider what further action, if any, shall be taken against the men who were indicted for the better class of citizens—business men, who were satisfied that the safety of the community demanded vigorous action. Antonio Baquetto was hanged on a neutral ground; his body dangled in the air for about an hour and a half. It was taken down by the police and placed in a coffin and sent to the States. Lemmonier found that death was caused by strangulation.

Mannel Polizzo was also strung up to a lamp post. His body was also removed to the police station. He was riddled with bullets. Death resulted from gun shot wounds of head and chest. There were marks of strangulation around his neck.

On March 12.—Coroner Lemmonier and his clerk, Henry La Barre, reached the Parish Prison at about 12:30 o'clock. The coroner viewed first the bodies of those lying in the morgue, and then the bodies of the young men, John W. Stanbury, W. J. Leffert, John Hurter, W. J. Goin, Will Potter.

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