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FIRST EDITION

Forgeries in Lynchburg, Va.

Accident to a Pittsburgh Lawyer.

ANOTHER RESPECTABLE RASCAL.

Forgeries by a Prominent Merchant of Lynchburg.

The Lynchburg Virginian of Friday last says:—

"Quite a sensation was created yesterday in business circles by the detection of several forgeries by a former prominent merchant of this city, who has been largely connected with the trade of Lynchburg for several years, and who has occupied a high position as a reliable business man. We allude to Mr. Ambrose R. Woodruff, late of the firm of Woodruff & Co., grocers and commission merchants. It seems that on Sunday last he left the city, ostensibly to be away a few days on some business. Two or three days afterwards his brother was surprised at receiving a letter from him announcing briefly his purpose to sail for Europe, never to return. No cause was assigned. This information gave rise to suspicions which resulted in the discovery that before leaving he had perpetrated a number of forgeries, the full extent of which has not yet come to light. It is known that most, if not all, the banks and brokers of the city are sufferers in various amounts, ranging it is said from \$1500 up to \$6000. We have heard also of three or four private parties who were defrauded in the aggregate to the extent of probably \$10,000. There may be others in like position, and most probably are. As far as known the forgeries we suppose amount up to something like \$30,000, and they may exceed these figures. The father-in-law of Woodruff, Mr. George T. Pleasant, of Amherst county, is the party whose name is forged."

The Lynchburg Republican of Saturday says with regard to the forgery:—"The extent of the loss to the community cannot yet be given with any degree of accuracy, and is variously estimated at from \$50,000 to \$70,000. Mr. Woodruff had in his hands a very large estate, belonging to the heirs of the late Samuel Miller, the bulk of which was in bonds. What disposition he made of this estate is as yet unknown, and it appears that but half of it are the heaviest losers of all. The names of those in highest authority, we are informed, are those of Messrs. George T. and John W. Pleasant, but the amount for which their signatures have been used is as yet only a matter of conjecture. There was great commotion in business circles when the fact of these operations became known, and the wildest rumors as to their extent were circulated."

A MAN-TRAP.

Death of a Promising Young Lawyer of Pittsburgh Under Distressing Circumstances.

The Pittsburgh Commercial of yesterday says:—

Germany to Restore the Regency.

Private reliable information leads to the belief that it is the intention of Germany to restore the regency, as the next legitimate Government, in the event of the Versailles Government being unable to enforce its authority.

The Proposed Surrender of Fort d'Isy.

VERSAILLES, Monday Night, May 1.—Fort d'Isy proposes surrendering. The German troops now surround the fort. Hostages are demanded by General Faron as a guarantee that the fort will not be mined, and threatens if it be blown up that the garrison will be shot. Sixty thousand men are ready at Reuil to act on the pending propositions.

The Troubles at Paterson.

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The Non-Society Quarreymen

of this city, receiving \$2 and \$2.25 per day, struck yesterday for \$2.50, the wages of the society men. Over two hundred men, armed with clubs and staves, joined in the affair, and drove off all the laborers on the free library in Seventeenth street, and compelled a complete cessation of work in the Nineteenth and Twenty-second wards. The police prevented any violence, however, and five hundred extra policemen have been ordered on duty to preserve the peace-day.

The Republican Executive Committee

of this city last night adopted, by a vote of forty to one, a resolution against the annexation of Santo Domingo.

The Ketchum Forgeries.

Sixty-four answers were filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court yesterday to the numerous complaints in suits brought by banks, manufacturing companies, and others against members of the defunct banking firm of Morris Ketchum, Son & Co., ruined in 1869 by the extensive defalcation of Edward B. Ketchum.

The defendants deny that they are all residents of the city, and were all aware that frauds were being carried on two months before Ketchum's flight. The fact was known to only two members of the firm, Lyndon M. Swan and Thomas Belknap, Jr., and was suppressed by the latter defendants. They acknowledge that the embezzlement amounted to more than \$2,000,000, and their total liabilities to about \$3,000,000. They deny that their assets were greater than their liabilities, and the charge that Morris Ketchum or his partners attempted a compromise with the creditors with the view of saving their private fortunes is also contradicted.

A delegation of the Grand Army of the Republic,

including General Logan, General Bartram, Colonel Marshal, Assistant Adjutant-General Forbes, and others, visited yesterday the Union Home and School for Soldiers and Sailors.

Rumors are rife respecting the

Consolidation of the Stockyards

connected with the Erie and New York Central and Hudson River Railroads.

FROM WASHINGTON.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Exclusively to The Evening Telegraph.

Government Weather Record.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, May 2.—10 A. M.—SYNOPSIS FOR THE WEATHER REPORT.—The barometer continues falling slowly on the Pacific coast, with rising temperature. The pressure has risen slightly at the Rocky Mountain stations, with increasing northwest winds. Heavy rains have been reported from the Great Lakes and the Ohio valley, and somewhat from the Allegheny. The barometer has risen somewhat from the uppers to the eastern States, and clear or partially cloudy weather has been generally experienced north and east of Ohio. Easterly winds have continued on the lakes. The pressure has fallen somewhat during the night in the Eastern States.

Proletarians.—It is probable that the cloudy and threatening weather will continue in the valley of the Mississippi, particularly cloudy weather on the lower lakes and Middle States, with light easterly winds.

The Versaillists are Daily Gaining Ground.

Another despatch says the reoccupation of Fort d'Isy by the Communists is again contradicted, and it is said that the fort is entirely deserted. A force of 15,000 National Guards carried the Versaillists barricades in the lower part of the village of Isy after an engagement.

The Moniteur says:—It is rumored that General Dombrowski and His Staff were made Prisoners by the Assemblists at Asnières.

The Germans in London.

LONDON, May 2.—The German residents in London celebrated the return of peace by a festival yesterday.

The London Post announces that the Emperor Napoleon is still suffering from rheumatic pains.

Severe Engagement.

VERSAILLES, May 2.—The Clamart Railway Station was captured last night by chasseurs at the point of the bayonet.

Three Hundred Insurgents were Killed.

The Chateau of Isy, the defense of which

now appears, was caused by a loosening of the ligaments of the lungs, from the ugly blow of the sandbag. An abscess was formed in the back part of his chest, and was followed by a post-mortem examination, and it was doubtless the result of this abscess which caused his prostration in the midst of his last concert. His death soon followed, and was accounted for upon the post-mortem examination, as being the result of a cerebral hemorrhage in one of the lungs. The details of the case, however, they may at the time have been understood, were hushed up; and it is only by the recent explanations of the physician and of Finsen that any correction of mistaken rumors has been offered.

SECOND EDITION

TO-DAY'S CABLE NEWS.

Prussia and France.

Germany's Threatened Interference

The Civil War Must be Stopped.

Restoration of the Regency.

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

A Naval Officer Murdered.

Penna. and C. and A. Railroads.

The Lease not Consummated.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

FROM EUROPE.

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Exclusively to The Evening Telegraph.

Prussia Threatens to Interfere to Stop the French Civil War.

BERLIN, April 30.—An Imperial Council was held to-day to consider the situation of Paris. Prince Bismarck was present. It was agreed to notify the Versailles Government that a further limited period will be allowed for the restoration of authority, the enforcement of order and the fulfilment of the treaty stipulations, after which Germany will take an independent action to establish law and order in Paris. The despatch will emphasize the wish of Germany not to interfere in the internal and political affairs of France, but will add that such interminable civil war originating in revolution, and characterized by disgraceful excesses cannot longer be tolerated, for the moral and material interests of Germany, as well as those of the whole of Europe, are suffering.

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