

THE NEWS.

The house of Frank Jones, near Drennon Springs, Kentucky, was burned, and Jones' wife and two children were burned to death.

Nicolaus Water had his neck broken at a fire at Lynn, Mass.—Harold M. Cavell, who was charged with being a matrimonial swindler, has disappeared from Chicago.

The long overdue French steamer La Gacogne arrived off Sandy Hook. She signaled that her machinery was disabled.

Walter Godney, aged twenty-five years, of Washington, shot and killed himself in Philadelphia.

Walter A. Scott, aged twenty-nine years, of Weston, Mass., confessed to the murder of James Slamin, a coachman at the Back Bay, Boston, on December 5.

Miss Lizzie Laird, a teacher at the Lakeview, N. J., public school, was struck by a train and killed.

NINE BROKE JAIL

Prisoners Escaped and Crossed the Ohio River on the Ice.

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THE GREAT STORM.

South Carolina Strawberry Blossoms Turned to Ice.

A DISASTROUS FREEZE.

Intense Cold and Heavy Snows in the Mountains and Valleys—Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New York in the Storm's Grip.

Interrupted rapid-train, delayed mails, railroads temporarily blocked, suburban roads impassable and the milk supply not equal to the demand were some of the most conspicuous results of the storm so far as Baltimore was concerned.

Snow drifts have blocked railroad traffic in Western Maryland, and no trains crossed the Blue Ridge mountains for two days.

In Washington city the storm was very severe and the temperature descended to zero.

The temperature in the South reached the lowest point in many years. The strawberry and early vegetable crops in the Carolinas and Georgia were ruined.

In Pennsylvania, New York and New England the cold was intense, gases prevailed and the snow practically stopped traffic.

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

Strawberry and Other Early Crops Ruined by the Freeze.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—With one exception this was the coldest spell here in 24 years.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The temperature at 7.30 A. M. was 12° above zero, the lowest for any February day on record in this vicinity.

SAVANNAH, GA.—This was the coldest wave in the history of Savannah, as far as official records can determine.

ATLANTA, GA.—The mercury here dropped to zero. The reports from different sections of Georgia indicate that the crop throughout the State has been entirely destroyed.

TAMPA, Fla.—Snow fell there the first time on record. The mercury fell to 24° above but rose slowly.

MIDDLETOWN, Ky.—The mercury fell to 15° below zero. The wind blew a gale from the northwest.

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communication can be had with it. The James is closed to navigation—a rare occurrence and without precedent in twenty-five years.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va.—There has been a considerable moderation in the cold weather here. The mercury, which has been bobbing about zero, rose as high as 90° above.

DAMAGE IN FLORIDA.

Early Vegetable Crop Ruined and Budding Orange Trees Killed.

The full extent of damage done by the cold wave through Florida will be hard to estimate for some days because returns will be slow in coming in from all points.

NEW YORK'S EXPERIENCE.

Conditions Have Nearly Returned to the Normal.

Transportation facilities in the city have about returned to normal conditions, although on the water there is a great delay in the ferriage owing to thick ice.

PHILADELPHIA.

Food Supplies Scarce—Railroad Traffic Delayed.

In this city the weather has greatly moderated. The Delaware in front of the city is badly obstructed with ice.

A MOTHER'S TERRIBLE ACT.

Jumped Into a Hole in the Ohio With Two of Her Babies.

Mrs. Amelia Seibert, of Coraopolis, Pa., drowed her two children in the Ohio River and then committed suicide.

DANGER OF WAR IS PAST.

Mexican Officials Now Inquiring Into Claims Against Guatemala.

Judge Joaquin Calderon, of San Juan, Bautista and staff, are on their way to points near the Guatemalan border, where they will investigate the claims of private individuals against Guatemala.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

SENATE.

FIFTY-FIRST DAY.—In the Senate the post-office appropriation bill was considered but no vote was reached.

FIFTY-SECOND DAY.—In the Senate the chief feature was the financial question. A joint resolution in accordance with the President's annual message concerning the Venezuela-British Guiana boundary was passed.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY.—In the Senate a debate was expected upon the financial question, but none occurred.

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY.—In the Senate the postoffice appropriation bill was passed.

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY.—In the House of Representatives the executive and judicial appropriation bill was passed.

HOUSE.

FIFTY-FIRST DAY.—In the House of Representatives the executive and judicial appropriation bill was passed.

FIFTY-SECOND DAY.—In the House of Representatives the day was devoted to a consideration of the District of Columbia bill.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY.—In the House the entire day was devoted to the consideration of the 3 per cent. bond resolution, which was defeated by a vote of 47.

THE INCOME TAX.

An Addition Proposed to the Law by the Senate Finance Committee.

The senate committee on finance authorized a favorable report on the House concurrent resolution, extending the time for making returns under the income tax law from March 1 to April 15.

AN ELBE SURVIVOR'S STORY.

Scene on the Steamer's Deck When the Boat Was Launched.

The scene on the Elbe when it was known among the passengers that the vessel was sinking is described in graphic terms by Eugene Schlegel, one of the survivors who arrived at New York on the Umbria.

THIRTY MEN DROWNED AT SEA.

Collision of Two Unknown Schooners, Both of Which Sank Instantly.

It is believed in Philadelphia that at least thirty men were drowned or frozen to death through the collision during last week's storm of the two unknown schooners off Five Fathom Bank lightship.

FIFTY CENTS THE ACRE.

Four Million Acres Open at That Price in the Sioux Reservation.

Four million acres of Sioux Indian Reservation land are now open for settlement by the purchase at 50 cents an acre.

A PROTECTORATE NOW.

Admiral Beardslee Reported to Have Taken Possession of Pearl Harbor.

The San Francisco "Examiner" prints a story from its correspondent at Honolulu to the effect that Admiral Beardslee has taken possession of Pearl Harbor, and declared a protectorate over the Hawaiian Islands.

THE BOND CONTRACT.

Full Text of Agreement With Bankers to Replenish the Gold Supply.

The full text of the bond contract is as follows: This agreement, entered into this 8th day of February, 1895, between the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of the first part, and Messrs. August Belmont & Co., of New York, on behalf of Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, of London, England, and themselves, and Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., of London, and themselves, parties of the second part, witnesseth:

Whereas, it is provided by the Revised Statutes of the United States (section 3733) that the Secretary of the Treasury may purchase coin with any of the bonds or notes of the United States authorized by law as such rates as upon such terms as he may deem most advantageous to the public interests, and the Secretary of the Treasury now deems that an emergency exists in which the public interests require that, as hereinafter provided, coin shall be purchased with the bonds of the United States of the description hereinafter mentioned, authorized to be issued under the act entitled "An act to provide for the redemption of specie payments," approved January 14, 1875, being bonds of the United States described in an act of Congress approved July 14, 1871, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt."

Now, therefore, the said parties of the second part hereby agree to sell and to deliver to the United States 3,500,000 ounces of standard gold coin of the United States at the rate of \$17.80441 per ounce, payable in United States 4 per cent. thirty-year coupon or registered bonds, said bonds to be dated February 1, 1895, and payable at pleasure of the United States after thirty years from date, issued under the acts of Congress of July 14, 1870, January 20, 1871, and January 14, 1875, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable quarterly.

First—Such purchase and sale of gold coin being made on the following conditions: 1. At least one-half of all coin deliverable hereunder shall be obtained in and shipped from Europe, but the shipment shall not be required to exceed three hundred thousand ounces per month, unless the parties of the second part shall consent thereto.

2. All deliveries shall be made at any of the sub-treasuries or at any other legal depository of the United States. 3. All gold coins delivered shall be secured on the basis of twenty-five and eight-tenths grains of standard gold per dollar if within limit of tolerance.

4. Bonds delivered under this contract are to be delivered free of accrued interest, which is to be assumed and paid by the parties of the second part at the time of their delivery to them.

Second—Should the Secretary of the Treasury desire to offer or sell any of the bonds of the United States on or before the first of October, 1895, he shall first offer the same to the parties of the second part, but thereafter he will be free from every such obligation to the parties of the second part.

Third—The Secretary of the Treasury hereby reserves the right within ten days from the date hereof, in case he shall receive authority from Congress therefor, to substitute any bonds of the United States bearing three per cent. interest, of which the principal and interest shall be specifically payable in United States gold coin of the present weight and fineness for the bonds herein authorized to be purchased by the parties of the second part at par—i. e., at \$18.69445 per ounce of standard gold.

Fourth—No bonds shall be delivered to the parties of the second part or either of them except in payment for coin from time to time received hereunder, whereupon the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States shall and will deliver the bonds as herein provided at such places as shall be designated by the parties of the second part.

Fifth—In the consideration of the purchase of such coin the parties of the second part and their associates hereunder assume and will bear all the expense and inevitable loss of bringing gold from Europe hereunder, and as far as lies in their power will exert all financial influence and will make all legitimate efforts to protect the Treasury of the United States against withdrawals of gold pending the complete performance of this contract.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands in five parts this 8th day of February, 1895.

(Signed) J. G. CARLISLE, Secretary of the Treasury.

AUGUST BELMONT & Co., on behalf of Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, London, and themselves.

J. P. MORGAN & Co., on behalf of Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., London, and themselves.

Attest: W. E. CURTIS, FRANCIS LYNDEN STETSON.

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UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR THOMAS F. BAYARD HAS RENTED A LARGE HOUSE ON EATON SQUARE, LONDON.