

THE INMANS BLOCKED

Johnny Bull Raises a Legal Snag Against Changing Flags

FISH FIGHTS HURT HOME RULE

English Free Traders Still Grumbling at Salisbury's Speech

NEWS FROM THE EUROPEAN CAPITALS

LONDON, May 20.—The proposed transfer of the Inman Line steamers to American registry continues to be discussed. It is noted that the Admiralty will raise a question which will prevent the company's applying with the American law. It is stated that the Admiralty has an agreement pending the Inman Line from entering offers for the purchase or charter of its steamers for a period exceeding five weeks without first giving the Admiralty the right of purchase or hire.

English officials admit that the parties concerned are not provided for it, but that it is obvious that the transfer of the vessels is a strange flag is contrary to the spirit of the agreement. They argue that if the vessels become the property of an American company of the same name, the Admiralty must, in justice, have the option of pre-emption for which they are being paid.

Gloating Over Irish Dissensions

Little interest is taken in the debate on the Irish local government bill. The main point is gloating over the Freeman's journal meeting, which is held up as another instructive example of what to expect if the bill gets their own Parliament. The Freeman's journal is not pleased at the editing exhibition, which, on the eve of dissolution, they think is not likely to assist the proposed home rule.

Lord Salisbury's Protection Tomb

The sensation of the week is Lord Salisbury's protection speech, which has provoked the greatest indignation among his own followers and organs. That Lord Salisbury should have journeyed to Hastings, to a waiting-place audience to deliver an important manifesto, in a language of order on all sides. His speech, though very guarded and so qualified by reservations that it really commits him to nothing, has secured a decidedly unfavorable reception in Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Glasgow and other business centers the Premier is most severely denounced.

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RELIEF COMES TO SIOUX CITY, IA.

A Large Kansas City Suburb Left Without a Single Inhabitant.

ALL CAMPING ON AN ISLAND BRIDGE

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The weather was clear and cold throughout the West to-day. In many places the snowfall was unprecedented in the history of the Weather Bureau at this time of the year. Flood news comes from all parts of the Northwest to-day, mixed in with special telling of snow and ice. Correspondents in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa report a regular blizzard this morning, turning into a rainstorm this afternoon. A big snow is now prevailing at Bird Island, where two inches are on the ground, and farmers are out with their sleighs.

A Better Feeling at Sioux City

The situation in Iowa and Nebraska is more encouraging. The Floyd river at Sioux City, which wiped out 30 lives in ten days, is back in its banks. The total number of bodies found to-day is four. The Relief Association is actively at work relieving distress and providing food and clothing for the citizens of Sioux City.

CHARTERS WERE ISSUED TO-DAY

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BLAZE AT WILKINSBURG

COUGHT FROM THE CREEK

WONDERFUL INSTRUMENT

BECAUSE YOU NEED NOT BE A MUSICIAN TO PLAY UPON IT

ON'T FAIL TO TRY THE AELIAN

VERY LOVER OF MUSIC CAN NOT PLAY

FORTUNATELY FOR THE PRESENT GENERATION

LET AN AELIAN AND YOU CAN ENJOY AS MUCH MUSIC AS YOU EVER HEARD

THE FIRE RECORD

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SNAP SHOTS AT LOCAL NEWS

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Table with columns for city, population, and other statistics. Includes Denver, Cleveland, St. Paul, Chicago, etc.

Two Iron Companies in Trouble

NEW YORK, May 20.—Judgment for \$38,845 was entered to-day against the New York Ingham Iron and Land Company, and the New Birmingham Iron and Improvement Company, of Texas, in favor of James H. Wilcox, William H. Utley, and Leopold Wallack.

BUSINESS BRIEVITIES

THE JOURNEMEN HORSE SHOERS' UNION has filed its organization international.

NEARLY 40, drygoods dealers at Haverhill, Mass., are reported to have lost \$300,000 assets, stock and some accounts.

THE STANDARD and Remington typewriter companies have consolidated under the title of York, Utley, and Benedict, of New York; capital, \$3,000,000.

C. F. APPLETON, Boston shoe dealer, has gone into insolvency. Debts, about \$30,000, and assets, about \$20,000, will be liquidated.

THE STEAM HOISTS of the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio and the Cleveland and Pittsburgh ore docks at Cleveland struck Wednesday for an increase of \$10 a month. Indian ore vessels are unloading at Ashtabula.

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ROBERT J. FOSTER, Boston watch case maker, has filed a petition in bankruptcy against F. W. Wilson, the wholesale jeweler, who has left that city while in the neighborhood of \$40,000, including \$20,000 in this firm. The petition has been filed with the State with intent to defraud his creditors.

SECRETARY HESTER'S weekly New Orleans Cotton Exchange crop statement shows a small falling off in the movement compared with last season, the deficit being 2,300 bales and the surplus 2,300 bales.

THE CLEVELAND TRAIL TRADE REVIEW says: There has been an attempt among vessel owners the past week, with indifferent success, to bring the coal rate on Cleveland to 20 to 25 cents and to get ore rates on the Middle West to 10 cents. The Ecanshas is still 75 cents, and there is a moderate prospect of anything better.

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THE ENDS OF THE LEVEE at the Bonnet Carré crevasse on the lower Mississippi, have finally been secured and that break will be closed by the Illinois Central. The road is raising all its trestle between New Orleans and Manchacha, in order to prevent overflow. The tracks of the Louisville, New Orleans and Texas Railroad are being tied to trees to prevent their being washed away. Crevasse are threatened at Taylor and Berton, in Pointe Coupee parish, where the levee of the Bonnet Carré has been breached now, as it would cause several breaches.

THE COLUMBUS, Lima and Milwaukee Railroad was sold yesterday to the New York syndicate, in which F. C. Freeman is the chief capitalist. The road will be completed between Lima and Defiance in 30 days, and between Columbus and Lake Michigan as speedily as possible.

IT IS SAID BY MEMBERS OF THE REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE OF THE FORTY-ONE RAILROAD BRIDGE COMPANY that the efforts to induce holders of the \$25,000 outstanding bonds of the Central New England and Western Railway to accept a new plan of reorganization plan had failed and that probable foreclosure proceedings will be necessary.

A SECRET MESSAGE received at Denver expressed a belief that Jay Gould and C. P. Huntington were making a deal with the plan which will give them a monopoly of the entire business to and from the Pacific coast.

THE PLAN IS TO TAKE UP THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC COAST ROUTE, and to connect the Missouri Pacific from Pueblo to Albuquerque, and they will thus have control of the entire route to the Pacific coast.

PENNSYLVANIA—Shortly after midnight fire broke out in a shed adjoining the Washington Hotel, at the corner of 4th and 14th Pennsylvania. The origin of the fire is presumed to be incendiary, as there was no stove in the shed. The loss is about \$75. About 700 persons were in the building at the time of the fire.

THE COUNTY FIVE BOARD CAN'T BE FOUND. Examiner Hoffman is having more trouble with the county poor officials. This time it is over two women who keep peep-easies in McKeesport. They get out of the jail or workhouse and then have to be sent home from Pittsburgh. They do not have any money, and Mr. Hoffman says he can't find the county people, and so has to send them back. Yesterday the city gave a ticket to Mrs. Mary Hickey, and the day before one was given to Mrs. Griffith.

A MONUMENT FOR HONEST OLD ABE. The American Monumental Association of the city is preparing to have erected a \$10,000 life-size marble figure of Abraham Lincoln mounted on a pedestal. J. A. Itzel, of Allegheny, is engaged on a drawing of a monument, and the association invites public subscriptions for its undertaking.

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- 100 dozens French Wire Frames, all shapes and colors; regular price 38c to 60c each; will be sold to you, 19c
- 500 Violet Wreaths, all colors; each wreath contains about 60 violets; would be cheap at 35c; bring this advertisement and you can have them for..... 10c
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- Ladies' Balbriggan Hose, seamless, worth 18c..... 10c
- Ladies' Fast Black Hose, ribbed, worth 20c..... 10c
- Ladies' Black "Onyx" Hose, worth 25c..... 17c
- Ladies' Fancy Silk Hose, Richelieu ribs, worth \$1.25..... 75c
- Ladies' Spun Silk Hose, black and fancy, worth \$1.50..... \$1.15
- Ladies' Black Pure Silk Hose, worth \$2.25..... \$1.58

LADIES' & CHILDREN'S GLOVES

- Ladies' Suede Mousquetaire Kid Gloves, worth \$1.25..... 65c
- Ladies' 4-Button Kid Gloves, all colors, worth \$1..... 58c
- Misses' 4-Button Kid Gloves, worth 75c..... 58c
- Ladies' Black Lace Mitts, worth 20c..... 9c
- Ladies' Black Silk Mitts, extra quality, worth 35c..... 18c
- Misses' Silk Mitts, black and colors, worth 25c..... 9c
- Ladies' Colored Lisle Berlin Gloves, worth 25c..... 12 1/2c

CORSETS

- Ladies' Hand-Sewed Corsets, in white, drab, cream and gold, worth 50c..... 25c
- Ladies' French Woven Corsets, embroidered busts, sizes 29 and 30, worth 75c..... 25c
- Ladies' Genuine 500 Bone Corsets, sizes 18, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, worth \$1.25..... 58c

LADIES' MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

- Muslin Chemise, beautifully embroidered, worth \$1.25..... 75c
- Plain Muslin Chemise, corded bands, extra sizes, worth 75c..... 55c
- Fine Cambric Drawers, trimmed with Torchon Lace, worth \$1.25..... 75c
- Fine Muslin Drawers, wide embroidery, cluster of tucks, worth \$1.50..... 98c
- Plain Cambric Skirt, with hemstitched ruffle and tucks, worth \$1.50..... 98c
- Muslin Skirt, deep embroidered ruffle, 12 tucks, worth \$1.50..... 92c

LADIES' & CHILDREN'S HANOK'FS

- Ladies' Colored Border H. S. Handkerchiefs, worth 50c..... 3c
- Ladies' White Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and reversed, worth 12 1/2c..... 6c
- Ladies' All-White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, worth 12 1/2c..... 7c
- Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, worth 20c..... 10c
- Ladies' Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and Lace edges, worth 15c..... 9c
- Ladies' Fine Handkerchiefs, scalloped and embroidered, worth 30c..... 20c
- Ladies' Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, colored border, worth 25c..... 15c
- Children's Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 25c..... 12 1/2c

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