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NEWS BY CABLE.  
GREAT BRITAIN.

STATE NEWS.  
BRADFORD COUNTY IS TO HAVE A NEW JAIL.

INCIDENT IN THE LIFE OF CARL SCHURZ.

## HARRISBURG.

### The Legislature—Republican Caucus of Both Houses—Proposition to do Pasting and Folding Rejected—The Governor's Message.

(By Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
HARRISBURG, JANUARY 4, 1899.  
SENATE CAUCUS.  
The Senate Republican caucus this afternoon nominated for Speaker Hon. Wilmer Worthington, of Chester; for Chief Clerk, Geo. W. Hammerly, of Philadelphia; Assistant Clerks, Lucius Rogers, of McKean, and F. H. Braggins, of Mercer; Sergeant-at-Arms, Wm. A. Rupert, of Crawford; Transacting Clerks, Eusebio Williams, of Pittsburgh, H. C. Bosler, of Montenegro, Charles Williams, of Philadelphia, and Anderson, of Beaver.  
No other officers were nominated. There was a difficulty in caucus, and a Committee on State was appointed.

### PASTING PROPOSITION.

E. H. Rauch and T. W. Cochran, of Lancaster, have submitted a proposition to do the pasting of the Senate for two thousand five hundred dollars, and that of the House for five thousand dollars—both at seven thousand dollars. The proposition was rejected in both caucuses. They state the present expense of pasting and folding in the House alone is \$37,000.

### HOUSE CAUCUS.

The House Republican caucus this evening nominated the following gentlemen: Speaker, John Clark, of Philadelphia; Chief Clerk, Gen. James Selfridge, of Northampton; Resident Clerk, John A. Small, of Harrisburg; Assistant Clerk, E. G. Lee, of Philadelphia; Transacting Clerks, F. A. Meigs, of Pittsburgh; Barratt, W. B. Irwin, J. D. Miller, R. Bernhard, Chas. Nibbs, Geo. N. Bakewell; Sergeant-at-Arms, Jas. M. Cornell, of Philadelphia; Postmaster, A. G. Henry, of Armstrong; Assistant do, A. W. Kimmel, of Indiana; Messenger, Jas. McCauley, of Philadelphia; Doorkeeper of Rotunda, James McDermott, of Washington; Chief of Folding Department, Wm. McLaughlin, of Adams; John Darrah.

### THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Governor Geary is justly incensed at the bad faith of the papers last to whom he sent his message in advance. He now refuses to give it to reporters, but will send it to-night to all the papers, with enclosed slip, requiring faithful use. The message will not be read probably until Wednesday.

## NEW YORK CITY.

### Four Men Killed by a Submarine Explosion off Sandy Hook—New City Government—\$12,000,000 of Appropriations Required—Improvement in Brooklyn—Express Company Suit—Movement of the Police to Secure Increase of Salary.

(By Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
A premature explosion occurred yesterday noon at the wreck of the steamer Scotland, off Sandy Hook which resulted in the death of four men and the severely wounding of several others. The Neptune Submarine Company made a contract with the Government last fall to remove the wreck of the Scotland and have been at work for several weeks, whenever the weather would permit, in blowing the wreck to pieces. There were about twenty men employed in this service, under the charge of Captain William L. Churchill, late of the Navy, with the Company's steamer Commodore Truxton. Yesterday two charges of powder were taken on board a small boat at Sandy Hook and towed out to the wreck. Another small boat was lowered containing air pump, diving apparatus, two divers and five men. The boat containing the two charges of powder, eighty-seven and a half pounds in each, was manned by Captain Churchill, himself and three men. The divers went down and signalled to have one charge sent down, which was done, leaving one charge on the boat. Both charges were connected by a wire several hundred feet in length. After placing the charge, the divers came up and reported everything ready, when both boats began to pull away, but had proceeded but half the usual distance, when, from some unexplained cause, the submerged explosion took place, followed almost instantaneously by the explosion of the reserved charge in the boat, blowing Capt. Churchill and the men to atoms. It is supposed the charge in the boat was exploded by the concussion. Several men in the divers' boat were seriously injured, and have been sent to hospital by the officers of the Company. The names of the killed are Capt. Wm. L. Churchill; diver, Louis Jurgins; seaman, Geo. Moore and James O'Shay. Mr. Geo. W. Beardslee, the electrician in the employ of the Company, was not present.

The new city government was organized to-day. Mayor Hall did not send in his message. The Comptroller's report estimates the appropriations needed for the year at about twelve millions of dollars, of which about ten millions are to be raised by taxation.  
The annual message of Mayor Kaibler, of Brooklyn, shows that thirty-three hundred buildings were erected in that city during the year. He approves the course of the United States Government in the stock of the East River Bridge Company.  
A sentence of Baker, convicted of making false entries in the books of the Trustee's National Bank, was to-day pronounced to the last day of the January term of the United States District Court, his counsel expecting to obtain some favorable action in his behalf from the President's Attorney General.

A suit has been brought in the Supreme Court, by a stockholder of the Merchants Union Express Company, to restrain the consolidation thereof with the American Company, and to prevent the collection of the assessment of five dollars per share on the stockholders of the former Company. The police captain and sergeants held a meeting at police headquarters to-day to devise means of securing an increase of salaries by the State Legislature. A committee was appointed to go to Albany, if possible, secure the necessary legislation.

## THE CAPITAL.

### Treasurer Spinner III—General Grant—Public Debt—Claim Agent Arrested—Supreme Court—Cost of Printing.

(By Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
WASHINGTON, January 4, 1899.  
TREASURER SPINNER  
Was taken quite sick this morning and forced to retire from his desk at the Department. He has been exercising himself much lately in the exercise of official duties.

### GENERAL GRANT

Will return to Washington, this evening or to-morrow.

### THE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT

Will be issued about Friday. It cannot be determined what the interest thereon will be. During December \$6,700,000 was issued to Railroad companies, \$4,840,000 to the Union and the balance to the Central.

### CLAIM AGENT ARRESTED.

A claim agent named J. R. Wolfe, has been arrested in this city by officers of the secret service division of the Treasury Department, charged with attempting to commit frauds upon the Government by presenting claims to the Quarter Master General's office which had already been paid.

### SUPREME COURT.

All the Judges, excepting Justice Field, were present in the Supreme Court to-day. A decision was rendered in the following cases: *California vs. United States*, 234 U.S. 100; *Moon vs. Marsh*, et al. This decision establishes the right of the plaintiff in error to recover for an infringement of his patent or invention in grain drills during the time he was the sole owner, although at the time of commencing the suit he had ceased to be such owner.

### LOUISIANA.

Meeting of the Legislature—Message of Gov. Warmouth—The Peruvian Elect.

(By Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
NEW ORLEANS, January 4.—The Legislature to-day no business was done except the reading of the Governor's message, a large portion of which is devoted to the late election and its effect on the country at large as well as in Louisiana. The following paragraphs from the political portion of his message are indications of its tone:

"In many parishes the late election was the occasion of most disgraceful acts of intimidation and terrorism, and the scenes, in scenes of massacre shocking to the sense of civilized man, and only finding parallels in the annals of savage warfare. These heinous crimes, which were provoked, but willful and premeditated, seem to have been instigated by the hostility of certain classes of the people of Louisiana, which the Government has embodied in colored population into the body politic and vouchsafed to them equal political and civil rights."

He states that in reply to applications for troops orders were issued which might be construed to mean something in Georgia, but which, in Louisiana, might be construed to mean only words; that these orders were made public and strived only to inform the lawless that they need have no fear from that quarter and could prosecute their anarchical schemes to the limit of their purposes.

He takes an encouraging view of the financial condition of the State. The entire bonded debt, exclusive of bonds held and owned by the State, is \$750,000, and the floating debt is nearly \$2,000,000, which can be canceled by the special tax already levied, and a surplus of half a million is left. He believes aid will be extended by the general government towards regulating the levees. He has no doubt that the United States Mint at this city could be obtained from the Government as a contribution for use as a State capital.

### KANSAS RAILROAD MATTERS.

(By Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
LEAVENWORTH, January 4.—The contract for building a railroad and highway bridge over the Missouri river at this place was closed to-day by L. B. Bomer & Co., of Chicago, the work to be commenced on the first of February. The bridge is to be completed in eight months.

The County Board, this afternoon, by a unanimous vote, transferred its stock of \$300,000 in the Missouri River Railroad to the Leavenworth and Atchison Railroad. This action on the part of the Board and Board of County Commissioners is believed to be the most important event taken in behalf of Leavenworth. The railroad to Atchison will be built immediately and the bridge within the time specified. The business prospects of Leavenworth are such that old citizens believe the city will increase from forty thousand inhabitants to one hundred thousand within five years.

### THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE.

(By Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
ATLANTA, Jan. 4.—It is understood that when the Legislature of Georgia meets in this city, on the 13th inst., it will have a long session, declaring that in its former action it was governed by an unwise construction of the reconstruction acts of Congress and that it was not its purpose to deprive the negro of any political rights he had justly acquired by either, and declaring further a willingness to abide by the decision of the Supreme Court of the State, or of the United States, upon the point at issue.

### THE CANADA ASSASSINATION CASE.

(By Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
TORONTO, January 4.—The Whelan case came up to-day before the Court of error, on appeal. The Judges unanimously decided that the writ of error was the proper course to bring the prisoner before the Court. Hon. J. H. Cameron then proceeded with his argument, alleging errors as to the challenge of Sparks and Hodgkins. Messrs. Robinson and Anderson replied for the Crown. The prisoner was remanded until the 22d, when a decision will be given.

## STATE NEWS.

BRADFORD COUNTY IS TO HAVE A NEW JAIL.  
The letter-carriers of Reading have assumed their new uniforms.

The Pennsylvania Rail Road Company has purchased the Lock Haven boom.  
Purvey school teachers of Bradford county have been married during the past year.

The office of the *Mauch Chunk Gazette* was destroyed by fire on the 23d inst. It was fully insured.  
DONATOS visits sometime during the holidays to popular pastors have been of common occurrence throughout the State.

SCRANTON complains of poor, miserable roads. Shouldn't wonder if Abtighay had more right to complain than Scranton.  
LEWISBURG will probably soon have water works, as some of her most prominent and energetic citizens have taken that matter in hand.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Ohio, has a skating rink.  
The new opera house at Massillon is nearly completed.

The Xenia Y. M. C. A. are giving tableaux at the City Hall.  
A LARGE force of men are at work on the new railroad from Massillon to Cleveland via Clinton.

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In Springfield the other day some white bricklayers refused to work beside some colored men of the same trade, who had been employed. The consequence was the dismissal of all the discontented white and the employment of more negroes and some white men from Dayton.

The Cochocton Age says: "On Sunday night the 6th inst., James M. Sells, the Democratic sheriff of Cochocton county, deceased with about ten thousand dollars of money, belonging principally to widows and orphans, and coming into his possession by virtue of his official position. It appears that for some time prior to his death he had collected together all the money belonging to the estates and parties collecting money through court."

A bold and successful forgery was committed on the Madison National Bank of London, Madison county, on the 21st inst. Thos. Shea and Ed. Slattery, brothers-in-law, forged a check for \$3,000 in this bank, taking therefor a certificate of deposit, which Shea took home and placed in a drawer. His wife, having an inclination for travel with some other fellow, took the certificate to the bank and Slattery's indorsement, presented the indorsed certificate, drew the money and departed for parts unknown.

### WEST VIRGINIA NEWS.

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The Morgantown Post says: On the evening of the 5th ult., while Mr. Isaac Willard, of Clay township, and his family were in the kitchen, a tree fell upon one of Willard's daughters, killing her instantly. On Sunday evening, the 8th ult., some unknown person or persons set fire to the Lining Meeting House, in Battelle township, which was entirely consumed.

The Philadelphia North American says: Some of our exchanges are exercising themselves about the new system of uniforming United States soldiers. They solemnly announce that it is a step on the way to liberating the world, a la aristocratic Europe, and to such caste distinctions as are enforced in parts of Asia, and gravely intimate that we are about to inaugurate a new and better system. But all this seems very absurd. Uniforms have been found indispensable in the army and navy, very advantageous in the police force of cities, and will, unquestionably, be the only convenient in the Post-office Department, but a security against mistakes, frauds and the robbing of lamp-post letter boxes. If they are badges of serfdom, we fear they will be too many willing to wear the stigma of just such a serfdom. As to our republican institutions, we don't consider them seriously endangered by the system.

The cultivation of silk in California is reported as being in a highly prosperous condition. While in France and Italy the silk worm is affected by a fatal disease, in the United States the eggs are healthy and vigorous. It is stated that orders have been sent from Europe to the California silk growers for all the eggs they can produce for silk culture, at \$2.50 per ounce, each ounce containing 40,000 eggs. The California Legislature has sought to encourage this valuable interest by offering a premium of \$200 for cultivating 5,000 mulberry trees for silk culture, and \$500 for every 100,000 silk cocoons produced in good merchantable order.

The Providence Journal states that the result of the deliberations of the Ecclesiastical Court in the case of Rev. John P. Hubbard, which has excited general interest as similar to that of Rev. Stephen H. Pynchon, in a verdict, of not guilty on both the charges. In this the majority of the court consisted of the Rev. Messrs. Wheeler and Dunne, and the minority was the Rev. Mr. White, except that upon the 3d specification the Rev. Mr. Wheeler was in the majority in reference to a violation of his ordination vow on the part of the Rev. Mr. Hubbard. It is expressly stated, however, that these verdicts do not involve any approval of his course.

THERE are now two Monitors in Paris, the old *Monitor Universel*, and the *Monitor de l'Empire*. Both are issued twice a day. The *Monitor Universel* will now become an opposition paper with strong Republican tendencies, and it is believed that most of the stock of that journal has been secretly bought up by the Oriental Prince, with a view to having, in the event of a crisis in France, the *Monitor* and its fine printing office (one of the best and most extensive in Europe), at their disposal. Napoleon III. wanted to get rid of the old *Monitor*, because he thought that Daloz was an enemy of the Empire, and on suspiciously intimate terms with Berryer and Thiers.

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### MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

BUFAKO, January 4.—Flour steady; city ground spring wheat flour to choice western \$8.00. Wheat nominally unchanged. Corn; new advanced; old weak; sales of 1,500 bush old at 55c in store; seven carloads of new at 50c on track; 1,200 new at 50 1/2c in store. Oats nominal at 55c in store. Sales of 2,800 bush choice Canada at 51c on track; 1,800 in store; demand; sales of 4,000 bush Canada at 51 1/2c, 2,000 bush Canada at 52 1/2c and 5,000 bush Canada at 52 1/2c. Pork and Lard steady and unchanged. Highwines nominal at 81.00. Amount of grain in store here: Wheat, 443,000 bush; corn, 1,000 bush; oats, 168,000 bush; rye, 140,000 bush; barley, 63,000 bush; peas, 4,200 bush. The estimated amount of flour in store is 20,000 bush and wheat, 110,000 bush.

NEW ORLEANS, January 4.—Cotton quiet, 1-2 higher; middling 25 1/2c; sales of 6,500 bales; receipts of 3,551 bales, and exports of 5,975 bales. Gold 133 1/2c. Sterling 147, commercial 145 1/2c. New York 131c. Sight 124 1/2c. Flour scarce; superfine 87.00, double extra 87.75, triple extra 88.00. Sugar and molasses firm and active; common Sugar 24c, prime 24 1/2c, yellow clarified 13 1/2c; common Molasses 22 1/2c, prime 24 1/2c, choice 25 1/2c. Corn steady, 77 1/2c. Pork 22 1/2c. Lard 18 1/2c. Bran 15c. Corn Meal 23 1/2c. Pork 22 1/2c. Lard 18 1/2c. Bran 15c. Corn Meal 23 1/2c.

CHICAGO, January 4.—At an open board in the afternoon there was a fair movement in wheat, which was very firm and advanced 1 1/2c to 2c per bush. No. 2 spring opened at 81 1/2c and closed with buyers at 81.5c. Corn 24c. Oats were dull and nominal. Provisions were quiet, and steady. The sales include 200 tierces of Lard, buyer, February, at 18 1/2c; 100,000 lbs short rib middles at 15c; dry in the salt at 13 1/2c. In the evening Wheat was tolerably active, firmer and higher; No. 2 spring ranged from 81.18 1/2c to 81.15c, closing with buyers at 81.15c. Provisions were dull and nominally unchanged.

MEMPHIS, January 4.—Cotton excited and irregular at 22 1/2c to 23c; receipts, 568 bales, and exports, 1,332. Flour; the family brands are a drug, and superfine is scarce at 87.00 to 25. Corn dull at 65 1/2c. Oats 63 1/2c. Hay 23 1/2c. Bran 15c. Corn Meal 23 1/2c. Pork dull at 23 1/2c. Lard 18 1/2c. Sugar 24c. Flour scarce; superfine 87.00, double extra 87.75, triple extra 88.00. Sugar and molasses firm and active; common Sugar 24c, prime 24 1/2c, yellow clarified 13 1/2c; common Molasses 22 1/2c, prime 24 1/2c, choice 25 1/2c. Corn steady, 77 1/2c. Pork 22 1/2c. Lard 18 1/2c. Bran 15c. Corn Meal 23 1/2c.

ATLANTA, January 4.—The Cotton market opened with a higher than last week; the receipts were light and the sales amounted to about 600 bales to-day at 67c for common, and for ordinary to 68c, and 69 1/2c for extra. Sheep are in active receipt at 67c. Dressed Hogs sold nearly at 22 1/2c. The outside rate being paid for heavy State.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 4.—Cotton market active, but low; midlings at 25c good to ordinary at 24 1/2c.

### RAILROAD COMPANY PROPERTY DESTROYED.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., January 4.—The repair shops in this city of the Syracuse, Binghamton and New York Railroad Company were destroyed by fire this morning, including all the machinery and forty locomotives, two of which belonged to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and two to the Binghamton road. The loss of the Binghamton road is about \$100,000; loss of the Lackawanna road not known. There is an insurance of about \$20,000 on the shops.