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Pleuro-pneumonia is ravaging the herds in Lancaster county, Pa.

The Queen's Jubilee will be celebrated by a grand naval review in May.

Thirty men were instantly killed by an explosion in a Durham colliery on Thursday.

At two anti-rent meetings in Ireland on Sunday the police were stoned.

Serious riots occurred at Cork Sunday night and a number of persons were injured.

There is a big cattle blockade in Texas owing to lack of cars for transportation.

The rising against the Portuguese on the east coast of Africa has been suppressed.

There is a probability of a new French Ministry being formed by M. Floquet.

Mrs. Youmans is engaged in a Scott Act and prohibition campaign in Bruce.

A Port Hope man was recently fined $5 for using profane language in the streets.

Lord Hartington is said to approve of the British Government's Irish coercion policy.

Capt. Anson, of Chicago, has been playing baseball 18 years. He is now 34 and worth $60,000.

The second Œcumenical Conference of the Methodist Church will meet in America in 1891.

It is stated a formal agreement has been concluded between China and England against Russia.

The Irish police have received orders not to assist in evictions, but merely to protect the bailiffs engaged therein.

Eight restaurant keepers at Hartford, Conn., have been arrested for passing off clemargarine as butter on their customers.

The British ship Caunarthen Castle has been lost on the Oregon coast, forty miles from the entrance to the Columbia River.

A seam of anthracite coal seven feet six inches in diameter has been struck at Banff, N. W. T.

The Burmese rebels are rapidly submitting to the British, and the Dacoits are becoming more quiet.

A body of Tuariks have captured a fortress at Ghatin, Sahara and massacred a hundred members of the garrison.

A "Patriots' League," to combat the aims and counteract the influence of Socialists, has been formed in Chicago.

It is reported the Government has prohibited the Poor Law Guardians from setting apart special wards in the Irish workhouses for the accomodation of evicted tenants.

Seven out of the nineteen ministers who attended the North Dakota Baptist Convention held at Fargo recently were Canadians.

Judge Hariwich of Dassendorf, Prussia, accused Capt. Von Ardenne of writing amatory letters to his wife. The result was a duel in which Von Ardenne was killed.

Messrs. S. L. Barrett and W. W. Nelms of Houston, Tex., have invented a telephone which is said to be far superior to the one now in general use. It was tested on Sunday over a wire 850 miles long and conversations could be heard with great distinctness and steadiness.

Atlanta Constitution:—The two Sams have parted company for good. Sam Jones is in the far West, reaching for the conscience of the cowboys, and Sam Small is in Nashville addressing the effete of the civilized world.

A Salvation Army "cadet" who stopped to pray in front of a hotel in Lindsay and refused to move on when ordered to do so by the police has been sent to jail for ten days.

A fatal shooting accident occurred at Owen Sound a few days ago whereby a boy named Silverthorn, aged 13, lost his life. An elder brother, while carelessly handling a revolver, not thinking it was loaded, shot his brother through the neck, causing death almost immediately.

The Admiralty Court at Halifax has confiscated the American schooner Highland Light for fishing within the three-mile limit, and she will be sold. It is considered probable the Dominion Government will buy in the vessel and convert her into a cruiser.

A subscription has been started for the erection of a bronze monument over the grave of ex-President Arthur. The first day the subscription was started $42,000 were raised. Only the most pronounced personal friends will be asked to contribute. It is expected that the subscription will reach $250,000.

The Rev. Sam Jones continues his crusade against baseball. He struck a Western town last week and after remarking humorously that a baseball man, player or spectator, had no place in heaven, he left the burgh in consternation when he found they had started a nine since he arrived and made application for membership in one of the minor leagues.

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FEDERATED TRADES.

A GATHERING OF REPRESENTATIVE WORKINGMEN AT COLUMBUS.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 8.—The holding out of the olive branch by General Master Workman Powderly to the Trades Unions by the appointment of a committee of Knights to confer with the convention in this city, which opened yesterday, as the best way to settle their trouble, is the principal topic of conversation around the corridor of the United States Hotel. This is the headquarters of all the delegates both to the Federation of Trades and the Trades Union conference. It depends largely on the private messages they bear from Mr. Powderly and the General Executive Board as to what the result of their mission will be. It is earnestly hoped on all hands that a satisfactory treaty may be drawn up and ratified. The presence here of H. G. Denny, diplomate in the order, and who is on most intimate terms with Mr. Powderly, leads to the belief that the Knights are willing to make terms. Mr. Denny will not talk for publication. Some of the brainiest men in the trade union world are already here. In the hotel corridors a group consisting of P. J. Maguire, Adolph Strasser, Sam Gompers, P. J. Fitzpatrick and Gaston Block; in another part of the hall Edward Tinkeltone, Jno. Kerschner, Gaskill Edmonstone, Jas. H. Cassidy and Chris Evans talked over affairs. There are by actual count the representatives of 100,000 skilled mechanics here, and ten times that number will be affected by their legislation. The delegates appear to realize this, and it is a sober, earnest lot of men that meet in Druid's Hall.

This morning at 9 a.m. the Federation of Trades was called to order by President Samuel Gompers of New York. Standing committees were appointed and some debate was had on the report of the Legislative Committee. At 11.30 the Federation took a recess for the purpose of accepting an invitation from the Trades Congress to attend their opening session as a committee of the whole.

When the congress convened for the afternoon session, J. R. Scott of Toronto was elected chairman of the Committee of the Whole, and the delegates decided to enter the Conference of Trades Unions about to be held, and adjourned to meet at the call of the president. At the conference, in the absence of the presidents, W. Efke of the Amalgamated Association, Secretary Macguire proceeded to read the call, setting forth the action of the Trades Conference in Philadelphia last May. John McBride was elected temporary chairman and Macguire temporary secretary. Messrs. Strasser, Scott, Edmondson, Miller and McBrayne were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The Cardiff Sentinel, Conservative, asks the Tories to call a halt in its career, which will naturally make the Mail madder than ever.

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FISHERY QUESTION.

THE CORRESPONDENCE IN THE CASE FORWARDED TO CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The President to-day transmitted to Congress the correspondence which has taken place in regard to the Canadian fisheries disputes and a letter from the Secretary of State on the same subject. Following is the Secretary's letter:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 8, 1886.

To the President:

The Secretary of State has the honor to submit to the President, with a view to its communication to Congress, the correspondence relative to the fisheries in waters adjacent to British North America, which has taken place during the present year. It will disclose the action of this department and of our Minister to Great Britain in relation to the disputed construction of the Convention of 1818, and what has been done to procure such an interpretation of its provisions as will be acceptable to both parties to that instrument and consistent with their mutual interest and honour. The history of this question during the period from 1818 to the present time has been one of unsuccessful attempts to adjust respective claims, and occasionally difficulties have been bridged over by temporary arrangements, notably by the Treaty of Washington of June 5, 1854, and the Treaty of Washington of May 8, 1871, the fishery articles of the latter having been abrogated by the United States on June 30, 1885. It is deeply to be regretted that the efforts of this department, as shown by the correspondence now submitted, to arrive at such an agreement as would permit instructions of a like tenor to be issued by the Government of Great Britain and the United States to guide the citizens of the respective national ities in the unvexed exercise of their rights of fishing in the waters in question and defining the limits of lawful action therein, have not yet reached a final and satisfactory result. Although propositions are now pending for consideration which, it is hoped, may prove the basis of a just and permanent settlement, yet as supplementary to the published history of this long standing subject, as illustrating the obvious necessity in the interest of amity and good neighborhood, of having a clear and well defined understanding of the relative rights of the two Governments and their respective citizens, it is considered expedient that Congress should have full knowledge of this action of the executive in the premises to assist them in their deliberations upon this important subject. It will be observed in the course of this correspondence that notification has not failed to be duly given to the Government of Great Britain that compensation is expected for the loss and damage caused to American fishermen by the unwarrantable action of the local authorities of the Dominion of Canada, not merely by the summary seizure of their vessels and the exaction of heavy fines in advance of hearing and judgment, but for the curtilment of privileges to which they were justly entitled under commercial regulations, as well as treaty stipulations, and consequent interference with their legitimate voyages, whereby the natural profits of their industry were seriously diminished, and in many cases wholly destroyed. It would seem proper that steps in perpetuam rei memoriam should be taken by Congress to allow proofs to be made and placed upon record of those losses and injuries to our citizens to enable them to be properly presented to Her Majesty's Government for settlement, and that for this purpose a commission should be authorized to take necessary proofs of the respective claimants.

Respectfully submitted. T. F. BAYARD.

Following is the President's letter transmitting to Congress the communication of the Secretary of State and correspondence relating to the fisheries:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a letter from the Secretary of State, which is accompanied by the correspondence in relation to the rights of American fishermen in the British North American waters, and commend to your favorable consideration the suggestion that a commission be authorized by law to take perpetuating proofs of losses sustained during the past year by the American fishermen, owing to their unfriendly and unwarranted treatment by the local authorities of the maritime provinces of the Dominion of Canada. I may have occasion to make further recommendations during the present session for such remedial legislation as may become necessary for the protection of the rights of our citizens engaged in the open sea fisheries in the North Atlantic waters. GROVER CLEVELAND.

Executive Mansion, Washington, Dec. 8, 1886.

But one copy of the correspondence was sent to Congress and that has not yet been opened. It consists of 101 communications from Secretary Bayard, Minister West and Minister Phelps. It will probably be laid before the House to-morrow.

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