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CURRENT COMMENT.

THE death rate in London for the week ended September 26 was only 13.8 per 1,000 annually. This figure is the lowest every recorded.

THE plumbers of New York City recently made a demand of their employers for a reduction of hours of labor from ten to nine, with no reduction of wages.

A MOVEMENT was reported on foot, with fair proepects of success, to procure a pardon for the Younger brothers, now serving a life sentence in the Stillwater (Minn.) penitentiary for participating in the Northfield murder and bank robbery several years ago.

ATTORNEY GENERAL O'BRIEN, of New York, has just issued his decision in the Georgia repudiated bond case, and decided that the State of Georgia is in default, and that the savings banks of New York are prohibited by law from investing in any bonds issued by the State of Georgia.

A SPECIAL from Laredo, Tex., says a rumor was current there that the section men on the Mexican Central Railway, between Laredo and Saltillo, had struck on account of their wages being reduced from seventy-five to fifty cents per day. Much curiosity was manifested as to how the Mexicans would conduct the strike.

A RECENT dispatch from Berlin says: It is understood in diplomatic circles there that Austria is secretly supporting Servia. According to advices from Philippopolis, the report that Russia wishes to dethrone Prince Alexander has greatly angered the Roumelians. The Prince, it is said, was never so popular as he is now.

GUISEPPE LOMBARDI, formerly a lodging house keeper in Milwaukee, was committed to an insane asylum at New York recently. He had converted his possessions into a draft for twenty-two thousand five hundred francs, which he was about swallowing under the impression that he was beset by thieves, when arrested.

THE question of the admission of half-breed Chinese children to the public schools in Little Rock, Ark., was decided recently. A number of the half-breeds, with Mongolian fathers and Caucasian mothers, had applied for admission. The Superintendent declined to decide whether they could enter at the white or colored schools. The Board was in favor of admitting them to the white schools, thus settling the vexed question.

THE Chief of the Bureau of Statistics reports that the total value of the imports of merchandise during the twelve months ended August 31, 1885, were $571,235,943, and during the twelve months ended August 31, 1884, $657,871,316, a decrease of $86,635,373. The values of the exports of merchandise during the twelve months ended August 31, 1885, were $722,765,461, and during the preceding twelve months, $735,018,792, a decrease of $15,253,331.

THE Government of South Australia has made overtures looking to the negotiation of a postal convention with the United States for the delivery of prepaid correspondence without additional charge and for the establishment of a money order exchange system between the two countries. This special convention is required because of the declination of the South Australian Government to enter the universal postal union.

THE explorers Capello and Everts addressed the Lisbon Geographical Society recently in the presence of the royal family, foreign diplomatic representatives and a large number of members of the aristocracy. They showed that the Cubannis is a tributary of the Zambesi River, and that the Luapula is the chief tributary of the Lualaba River. They said that the natives on the Upper Zambesi complained of aggression by the Boers. The explorers were presented with medals by King Luis.

THERE was a dramatic scene in court at Muncie, Ind., recently. Bishop Scott, Andrew Oney and Frank Poor were on trial for the murder of William Haynes on March 24, at Eaton. Bishop Scott shot Haynes in trying to frighten him, and Oney and Poor were his alleged accomplices. Scott, whose wife gave premature birth to twins, and whose father has gone almost blind with grief, was testifying when suddenly his mind gave way, and he became insane. The crowd surged around. His sister screamed, and during the wildest excitement he was removed to jail.

THE President has issued the following: "Special rule No. 2, approved July 18, 1884, is hereby revoked. All applicants on any register for postal or customs service who, on the first day of November next, shall have been thereon one year or more, shall, in confirmity of rule 16, be no longer eligible for appointment from such register." The special rule which is now revoked provided that the names of those persons on the registers of the Commission eligible for appointment prior to July 16, 1884, should not be taken off for a year from date from being entered thereon, but should remain on the registers as eligible for appointment for two years from that date without further examination or notice.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

A Summary of the Daily News.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

MARSHAL SERRANO, of Spain, was reported on the 28th as dangerously ill.

LUCIUS PARKER, the oldest cotton cloth manufacturer in Connecticut, died in Mansfield recently of softening of the brain, aged seventy-seven. He left an estate of $500,000.

THE following ticket was nominated by the Massachusetts Greenbackers on the 29th at Boston: Governor, James Sumner, of Milton; Lieutenant Governor, James M. Buffum, of Lynn; Secretary of State, H. W. K. Eastman, of Lawrence; Treasurer and Receiver, General Walter Harmon, of Boston; Auditor, A. H. Wood, of Lunenburg; Attorney General, A. F. Hall, of Hudson.

RICHARD HOWELL succeeded in lowering his own bicycle record for a mile at Springfield, Mass., on the 29th, making it 2:31 2-5.

THE Hon. Lyman A. Cook, of Woonsocket, R. I., has made an assignment. His assets are unknown.

PROF. AGASSIZ has found it necessary to decline the office of Superintendent of the Coast Survey because of duties already resting upon him. The decision is greatly regretted by the President.

VICE PRESIDENT HENDRICKS addressed the New Jersey State Firemen's Association at Paterson on the 30th.

SECRETARY MANNING has accepted the resignation of Horace G. Jackson, Assistant Supervising Architect.

THE Earl of Shaftesbury, the well-known English philanthropist, died on the 1st.

GRANT memorial services were held in the Metropolitan Church, Washington, on the 1st under the auspices of the local commandery of the Grand Army of the Republic. General Logan delivered the address.

THE Pope has approved a decree of the Convocation establishing an Episcopal see in Nebraska, and the Rev. Dr. O'Connor, the present Vicar Apostolic, has been created Bishop of Omaha.

IT was reported in Washington that the President and members of the Cabinet would attend the Virginia State Fair, to be held at Richmond, Va., on the 22d inst., if the pressure of public business does not prevent.

THE President has issued an executive order directing Dr. E. O. Shakespeare, of Pennsylvania, to proceed to Spain and other countries in Europe where cholera exists and make investigation of the causes, progress and proper prevention and cure of the disease.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A COUSIN of Bill Jones, the Indian who murdered Mr. Boulden White at Caddo, I. T., a few days ago, killed an Indian in Blue County, I. T. Wilson Jones, the father of Bill, is said to be the wealthiest Choctaw in the Nation, and is terribly downcast because of the crimes of his son and nephew.

THE Cuban tobacco crop for this year will be not only larger than that for many former years but of far better quality.

IT was thought the Texas fever line would be established south of the Texas Pacific Railway in Texas.

FALSE POINT, INDIA, which was thought to have had the best harbor between Calcutta and Bombay, was struck by a storm wave September 22, and swept so completely that most of the inhabitants perished.

THE mercantile failures in the United States for the quarter ended September 30 numbered 2,173, against 2,346 in the corresponding quarter of 1884. The liabilities showed a remarkable decline, amounting to $23,800,000 against $56,600,000 in the third quarter of 1884.

IT was stated that the riot in Montreal was due to the perverseness of the Board of Aldermen. The better class of French Canadians were disgusted with the work of the anti-vaccination mob.

A DISPATCH from Louisville, Ky., says: The Jeffersonville plate glass works has assigned. The liabilities are not known, but are said to be largely in excess of the assets.

A BAND of Mussulman and Christian brigands, near Smyrna, have captured a young Englishman named Fred Charnaud. They demand £9,000 ransom.

HEAVY floods were reported recently in the eastern portion of Switzerland. Much damage was done.

INFORMATION received at Prescott, Ari., from Clifton of the Indian depredations was recently so alarming that the Governor issued a general order calling out the militia for active service.

A SPECIAL from Warm Springs, Mont., of the 30th, says: One of the buildings of the insane asylum burned yesterday, and three inmates perished in the flames. It is not known how the fire originated.

MESSRS. SOUTTER & Co., bankers and brokers, doing business at No. 11 Wall street, New York, made an assignment recently for the benefit of their creditors.

FORTY $1,000 town bonds of Mattoon, Ill., were found in the possession of Tom Davis after his murder by Holland, of Texas, in New York. The Supervisor of Mattoon has sent to Coroner Levy for one of the bonds for examination, stating a belief that they are counterfeit.

A CONVENTION of colored men assembled recently in Lynchburg, Va., and issued an address declaring that the time had come for them to break from old party affiliations and think and act for themselves.

TURKISH troops fired on the Roumelian outposts at Mustapha Pasha, a town in Roumelia, twenty miles northwest of Adrianople, on the 29th. A skirmish ensued in which the Turks were defeated.

THE late Turkish Minister of War, Ghozei Osman Pasha, was reported guilty of such extensive embezzlements that the army was half crippled.

THE special delivery system of the postal service was inaugurated in the various cities on the 1st.

THE Kansas Grand Army reunion closed at Topeka on the 1st with an immense procession, which took an hour and a half to pass and was witnessed by 75,000 persons.

FRENCH Canadian mobs were reported on the 30th tearing down small-pox placards in Montreal and beating isolated militiamen, but no serious riots were attempted. The epidemic was increasing in virulence, about 250 deaths occurring in the city and suburbs in four days.

SECRETARY WHITNEY recently said he intended in his forthcoming report to recommend to Congress largely increased appropriations for the Equipment and Ordnance Departments of the Washington Navy Yard, with a view to making it a central deport for supplies. The work of construction would be centered in other yards.

A RECENT dispatch stated that the mail stage running between San Angela and Abilene, Tex., had been stopped and robbed by highwaymen.

A LARGE fire occurred in Iquique, Ecuador, the other night, and the most important quarter of the town was destroyed. Very few of the commercial establishments escaped.

THE window glass trade was reported at a recent convention held in New York to be in a very unpromising condition.

THE safe in the store of John Patterson, at Amesville, Athens County, O., was blown open by burglars the other night, from which they abstracted over $2,600 in cash and $250 in bonds.

AT a meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce resolutions were adopted requesting the President and the Secretary of State to make public at the earliest appropriate time the provisions of the new treaty with Spain.

THE Stockholm (Sweden) *Severiges Tidning* has been confiscated for calumniating the Prince of Wales.

AT the sugar plantation "Aurora," near Jovellanos, Cuba, recently, four workmen, who had taken refuge from the rain under a cart, were struck by lightning and killed.

JUDGE BREWER in the United States Court at St. Louis granted a decree of foreclosure and sale in the case of the St. Louis, Hannibal & Keokuk Railroad.

THE public debt decreased during the month of September $12,757,965.25.

THE Missouri Pacific Railroad Company has leased the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Road. The lease is to run twenty-five years.

THE rebels Salcedo and Estrada, belonging to the party of Limbano Sanchez were shot on the 29th ult., at Babecoa, Cuba.

A DISPATCH from Berlin of the 1st says: The result of the recent interview between M. de Giers and Prince Bismarck will be to restrain Servia, Greece and Montenegro from attacking Turkey. Otherwise Austria would certainly make a bold strike for Salonica and possibly for Constantinople.

DISPATCHES received in London on the 1st from various European capitals indicated that the crisis resulting from the Bulgarian-Eastern Roumelian Union was daily becoming more grave.

THE English War Office has issued the report of Colonel Ketchner on the fall of Khartoum. The Arabs, the Colonel says, entered the city by the Boori gate, which was not defended. He acquits Faraz of treachery. Faraz was charged with having allowed the Mahdi's troops to enter the city.

THE Naval Commission appointed by Secretary Whitney made its report on the 1st. The report was devoted to the description of vessels the country was thought to be most in need of.

ONE thousand dervishes have advanced to Hafir, which is within eighty miles of the furthest British station on the Nile.

NORRIS & Co., of New Laredo, Mex., undertook to transfer a large quantity of goods shipped to them in bond from Piedras Negras to New Laredo, recently. They afterward found the teamsters belonging to the transport train securely tied to trees thirty miles north of New Laredo, while the most valuable portion of their goods had been carried away by robbers.

THE Sherman House, Fargo, D. T., was recently destroyed by fire.

THE business failures for week ended October 1 were: United States, 171; Canada, 25; total, 196; as compared with 185 the week previous. The Western and Pacific States furnished over half the casualties.

THE Protestant Episcopal Convention of the diocese of New York declined to adopt the amendment of the prayer book proposed by Dr. Richey by a vote of 103 to 105. A committee was appointed to lay the matter before the General Convention.

IN a trotting race at Cleveland, O., Henry Wilkes defeated Phallas in three heats, winning the $2,000 purse and 90 per cent. of the gate receipts. Time, 2:17¾.

THE schooner Wheeler foundered off Grand Marais, Mich., recently, in forty fathoms of water. Her crew was saved, but there was no time to save the clothing.

WILLIAM HEATH & Co., stock brokers of New York, suspended on the 2d. Liabilities amounted to nearly $2,000,000. Henry N. Smith also failed for $200,000. The two firms were partly connected in stock operations, and the failure of the one dragged down the other.

THE Government cruiser Chicago, the heaviest vessel ever built at Roach's shipyard, has settled on the ways to such an extent that workmen have had to shove her up to prevent accident.

EDWARD MCSWEENEY, the Irish suspect, who has been an applicant for a position in the customs service at San Francisco, has withdrawn his papers from the War Department.

IN a recent prize fight at Pittsburgh, Pa., pepper was thrown into the eyes of one of the pugilists, who was getting the best of the contest, blinding him. His seconds raised the question of "foul," which was allowed, and the affair broke up in a general row.

SEVENTEEN men and boys were fearfully scalded by an explosion recently at Clark & Co.'s iron works, Pittsburgh, Pa., caused by the rupture of a drum. Several of the injured, it was thought, could not possibly recover.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

SOME HUNDRED special constables have been sworn in at Seattle, W. T., to aid the authorities in preventing an outbreak against the Chinese.

AN accident occurred on the Canadian Pacific Railroad near Kamloops, B. C., by which one white man and five Chinese were killed and a number wounded. A cow threw the engine from the track.

THE clearing house returns for week ended October 3 showed an average increase of 2.9 compared with the corresponding week of last year.

FIVE men belonging to Robinson's circus were killed in a recent railroad wreck on the Fergus Falls branch of the Northern Pacific Railroad, seven miles west of St. Paul, Minn. A great number of others were more or less seriously injured.

RETURNS of the census of the city of Boston show a population of 186,101 males and 204,395 females, a total of 390,496. This is a gain of 27,870, as compared with 1880.

A VERY heavy frost fell at Bedford, Iowa, on the night of the 3d. Ice froze a sixth of an inch thick.

BELGIUM has withdrawn from the monetary convention. The effect of this step is anxiously awaited in Germany, where a severe bimetal struggle is feared.

SIR CHARLES DILKE, Bart., about whom so much scandal existed in London a short time ago, was married to Mrs. Mark Pattison on the 3d. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain acted as groomsman.

THE final game between the New York and Chicago Base Ball Clubs took place at Chicago on the 3d. New York won the match, being its first victory out of the four games.

AT the annual fall games of the Olympic Athletic Club at New York on the 3d, L. E. Meyers reduced the best record (his own) for a half-mile by one-fifth of a second, doing the distance in 1:55 2-5. The track was slow.

THE Turkish General reported on the 4th that he had completely defeated the Albanian insurgents and hanged the most prominent of the leaders.

STEADY rains for several days were proving very disastrous to the cotton crop. Reports from North Georgia counties indicate that hundreds of bales of cotton will be ruined; that farmers are suffering very much, and that railroad traffic is also seriously interfered with.

THE wage differences between the Pittsburgh (Pa.) window glass manufacturers and the workmen have been satisfactorily settled, and a general resumption of the factories will take place as soon as the furnaces can be put in condition for work.

A CABLE dispatch announced that Hon. F. Hassaurek died in Paris on the 3d. Hassaurek had been for a long time principal owner and editor of the Cincinnati *Volksbladt*.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

WITH uncertain step and shaky limbs a young man entered the Police Court at Omaha the other day in charge of an officer. He was well dressed and gentlemanly appearing, but there were evidences of deep dissipation on his face. The young man appeared before the court to answer to the charge of stealing a robe and shawl from a buggy, for which he had been arrested. He entered a plea of guilty, stating that he felt that he must have a drink and seeing the articles in a buggy took them to pawn so that he could get liquor. He was given only a light sentence to jail in order that he might get sober. The young man is well known in Omaha, having been born in that city. Three or four years ago, by the death of a relative, he fell heir to a fortune of $30,000, but his prosperity was too much for him. He began drinking and in a short time squandered nearly all of his inheritance.

ST. PAUL, with 1,500 population, has eighty business houses, including two National banks.

A KANSAS capitalist is talking of starting canning works at Blair. He is feeling for a bonus.

A DISPATCH from Chadron says that track-laying has been commenced on the Hills Extension of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Road, which is being built under the auspices of the Chicago & Northwestern Road. A corps of engineers have been making the final survey from the Cheyenne River north for several weeks. The grade contract has been sublet for grading sixty miles north of Chadron, and one hundred trains are at work grading on the west side of the White River. It is proposed to complete the grade between Chadron and Rapid City, a distance of 101 miles, before winter, and it is not at all improbable that the rails will also be laid the entire distance in the same period.

THIEVES raided the slaughter house of Rickesy Bros., of Columbus, the other night, and carted off $300 worth of hides.

ZIMMERMAN, the murderer, who was under sentence of death at Lincoln, recently made his escape. His attorney, L. C. Burr, had carried his case to the United States Supreme Court, where it now awaits a hearing. The accused was in the custody of the Sheriff of Kearney County, a habeas corpus was served on the Sheriff, and Zimmerman was taken before the United States Commissioner at Kearney, who released him on $5,000 bail, which was promptly furnished by his brother, and he immediately fled. It is stated that Attorney General Leese has instituted proceedings in the Supreme Court at Lincoln for the disbarment of Burr for unprofessional practice in securing the release of Zimmerman.

A LARGE number of new buildings are being erected in Stockville.

THE city authorities at West Point refuse to grant license to peddlers.

A LARGE number of Indians took in the Knox County fair while in progress.

CONSIDERABLE smut is reported in the cornfields throughout the State this year.

HAMILTON County will have a corn crop estimated this year at 2,500,000 bushels.

DR. STACK, of Broken Bow, lost a hand by the accidental discharge of a gun the other day.

THE horse thief who had been operating extensively in Holt County was chased into Dakota and overhauled.

THE Ainsworth *News* is authority for the statement that a Brown County ranchman paid $500 to a neighbor of his for a quit claim deed to his wife. The exchange was made and all is serene.

SUTTON steps to the front with a new hotel, water-works, electric light and other metropolitan airs.

A TOWN is to be laid out at Goose Lake, Wheeler County. The townsite is in the hands of a company, and they intend to make a summer resort and watering place of it.

AARON BENSON, of Waterloo, has been fired out of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the reason that he came into the church under false pretenses and is also guilty of adultery.

OSCAR TROXAL, of Antelope County, has received a back pension amounting to $3,000, with a monthly allowance of $50 a month. Mr. Troxal is terribly crippled by rheumatism which was contracted in the service.

THE other day Mrs. Vincent Kitthner, of Schuyler, attempted to start a fire with kerosene while holding a child in her arms. The oil exploded and the mother and child were burned to death. Mr. Kittnehr's hands were so terribly burned in trying to extinguish the flames that they will have to be amputated.

AT the recent State Fair a genius from the country, who had evidently read "Jack of the Mill" in his time, sewed fish hooks in his pocket points down. He then exhibited a roll of money, simulated intoxication, and shoved the money down into the treacherous pocket. A thief made a dive for it and was caught in elegant shape.

A PAINFUL and serious accident occurred at the roller mills at Wood River the other day. Mr. Crow, one of the proprietors, slipped or staggered against a wheel, the spokes of which struck him on the frontal bone over the right eye, crushing the skull in and throwing him several feet against a box, breaking a rib in his fall.

THE Pope has approved the decree of the Convocation establishing an Episcopal See in Nebraska, and Rev. Dr. O'Connor, the present Vicar Apostolic, has been created Bishop of Omaha.

THE Bay State Cattle Company has a farm of 1,600 acres on the Platte bottom near North Bend, Dodge County. A pasture of 250 acres has been fenced in, and 2,000 tons of hay harvested this fall. It is intended to feed 1,000 head of cattle the ensuing winter, and 25,000 bushels of corn have been cribbed for that purpose. A system of water works has been built, and an elevator with a capacity of 25,000 bushels is under contract.

STROMSBURG is still booming.

THEODORE NELSON, whose home was in Wisconsin, but who for the past few weeks had been visiting with his brother, Samuel Nelson, near Agee, Holt County, recently met his death by the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of a young man named Simonson.

THE other day Miss Maud Marquette, living near Tekamah, drove a tramp away with a revolver. The tramp being refused admittance to the house, expressed his determination to enter, but when Miss Maud produced the six-shooter he suddenly remembered an engagement in another neighborhood.

A BRUTAL woman at Wymore recently beat her six-year-old stepson to death.

THE body of a man, supposed to be that of Herman Podewils, of West Point, Neb., was found on the railroad track near Catskill, N. Y., the other morning horribly mutilated. He was a passenger on the Atlantic train on the Hudson River Railroad, and it is believed he was going to Burnside, Orange County, and that he fell from the train.

ROLLIN B. AYRES, who married a girl at Blair recently under protest, has skipped out. He stole some notes from his mother-in-law and negotiated them, and left to avoid being prosecuted.

THE premium squash at the Wakefield fair measured eighty-one inches in circumference.

A BIG COLLAPSE.

Another Heavy Failure in New York—Liabilities Nearly Two Millions—Gould Among the Victims.

NEW YORK, October 3.—The suspension of William Heath & Co, was announced on the Stock Exchange yesterday morning. Alexander & Green, as counsel for Giovanni P. Morosini, to-day obtained from Judge Donohoe, in the Supreme Court, an attachment against the property of William Heath & Co. Mr. Morosini says in the affidavit upon which the attachment was granted that for several years he has had $480,000 in cash on deposit with Heath & Co., subject to his draft, and that the only debit that could properly be made against that amount was for 2,380 shares of the capital stock of the Manhattan Railroad Company, of the value of $192,000, and twenty-five second mortgage bonds of the Metropolitan Elevated Railway Company, of the value of $23,000, which he had ordered the firm to purchase for him, making an aggregate of $215,000. He claims the firm is in debt to him $265,000 in cash, and that it also holds these stocks and bonds for him. Mr. Morosini declares that he called at the office of Heath & Co. yesterday for his money and securities, and received in reply that the company could not deliver them, as the securities had been hypothecated or sold and the money had been otherwise disposed of. He avers that he never authorized Heath & Co. to make use of his money and securities, and charges that they have assigned and disposed of the property with intent to defraud him and their creditors generally. Charles E. Quincey, one of the members of the firm, Mr. Morosini states, has been in Europe for several months past. He believes he is not a resident of this State, but of some country in Europe unknown to him, and also attached whatever property he may have in this State. The principal creditor of William Heath & Co. is Giovanni P. Morosini, a partner of the well-known firm of W. E. Connor & Co., who became famous by his connection with Jay Gould. His claim against the firm is about $550,000, for which he has no security of any kind. Among the other large creditors are Jay Gould, $260,000; James T. Low, formerly of the dry goods firm of Low, Harriman & Co., father of the present head of the firm, about $400,000; Addison Cammack, $60,000, and William L. Scott, of Erie, Pa., $30,000. In addition to these, the firm of Soutter & Co., which failed on Tuesday, is said to be a creditor to the extent of about $250,000, in consequence of its dealings with Henry N. Smith. The liabilities of Heath & Co. can not fall short of $1,800,000, and may exceed that sum. The assets, excepting the claim against Henry N. Smith are unknown. The claim amounts, it is said, to about $1,200,000, while the bulk of his liabilities is to the brokerage firm. It is known that he owes C. T. Hudson & Co., more than $100,000. He is also indebted to Woerishoffer & Co. for a still larger amount. It was estimated by good judges that Mr. Smith's liabilities would not fall below $200,000. His assets are supposed to be nominal. Speaking of the failure Mr. Smith said: "My operations have dragged William Heath down and I am more sorry for him than myself. But I have not deceived him at any time and he has not deceived me. I supposed that he would be able to carry me through and he said he could do it successfully. Even this morning he expressed his confidence in being able to pull through. There is nothing in the rumor about joint account between me and Woerishoffer. We did have a joint account in Heath's office, but it was closed early in August. I think my misfortunes are my own, but I shall be on my feet again, and perhaps very soon."

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FATAL EXPLOSION.

Frightful Accident at a Pittsburgh Iron Mill—Seventeen Persons Fearfully Scalded.

PITTSBURGH, PA., October 2.—A battery of the boilers in Clark's Solar Iron Works, at Thirty-sixth and Smallman streets, exploded at 3:05 o'clock this morning, with disastrous effect. Seventeen persons were dangerously scalded, three of them known to be fatally burned and some of the others will probably die. The men were all at work when the explosion occurred. Those who were fatally hurt were taken to their homes, while the others were taken to the various hospitals. A slight report followed the explosion. A vast crowd congregated at the mill. Dust and dirt so disfigured the injured men that much difficulty was experienced in identifying them. The greatest confusion existed. Men, women and children rushed frantically about. The moans of the injured mingled with the shouts of the frightened. The Mayor was promptly notified and policemen were hurried to the mill. The scenes at the mill after the explosion were heartrending. One by one the victims were carried out, covered with ashes and bruised and bleeding from their wounds. The accident was caused by rupture of the mud drum. No theory has yet been offered which would account for the sad catastrophe. As soon as the confusion had in a measure subsided it was ascertained that the fatally injured were:

Charles Haywood, married, a peddler, injured by flying debris.

Thomas Powery, (boy) scalded; fatally crushed under the truck.

James Cato, fatally scalded.

The seriously injured were:

Frank Good, (boy) scalded badly, cut about the head.

William Orth, roller, badly scalded.

D. Lavender, shearsman, scalded and injured by flying debris.

Pat Enright, scalded, perhaps fatally.

Dave Richards, scalded and arm broken.

William Daniels, boy, scalded and badly cut by flying iron.

Dave Thomas, shearsman, badly scalded.

Cowley Stine, boy, badly scalded.

Billy Barth, boy, bruised from the heavy fall.

Frank Halt, boy, badly scalded.

Al Macken, scalded.

Engineer Steiner, badly bruised and slightly cut.

The injured were found lying in all positions. Some of them were so far away from the battery of boilers that it seemed impossible that they could have been injured by the explosion. The large number of the boys hurt is accounted for by the fact that they were employed to handle the hoop iron which was rolled on the mill nearest the boiler.

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Merchants Beginning to Shake.

LAREDO, TEX., October 3.—General Larvo Cavezos arrived in New Laredo Wednesday night, direct from the City of Mexico, with his commission as Commander of that division of the frontier, with all the troops stationed there and the regular Custom House Guards under his order. A military salute was fired Wednesday night in honor of his arrival, and yesterday morning at ten o'clock the military officers en masse waited on him at his home and gave him their congratulations. The citizens of that city are very much displeased, and some of the merchants who are known to be engaged in smuggling are feeling very shaky.

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Hicks-Beach on Deck.

NEW YORK, October 3.—A London special cable to the *Herald* says: The principal topic in political circles to-day is the speech of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach at Salisbury. It is almost the first public utterance in this campaign from a prominent Torry leader, and was looked for with great eagerness. It is disappointing alike to friends and enemies from its vagueness. Sir Michael was only outspoken in regard to the Roumelian question, which has already come to be regarded as a side-show in English politics. The speech is fairly satisfactory to the Parnellites.

POSING AS A MARTYR.

Ferd Ward Thinks He Has Been Harshly and Unjustly Judged—He Proposes the Public shall Know How the Money Went and Who Got It—He Fully Exonerates General Grant.

NEW YORK, September 29.—Ferdinand Ward sat in a large easy chair in his comfortably furnished room in Ludlow Street Jail and looked in a sad and absent-minded manner out of the grated window upon a number of children who were playing and singing upon the opposite side of the street. "There is a picture of innocence and happiness," he said, pointing to the prancing little ones. Turning around in his chair in a nervous manner, he continued, "No one will ever know the load that I have been carrying for the many long, weary months that I have been within these walls. I have heard and read many statements that have been made in reference to my dealings in the firm of Grant & Ward that have reflected in a most damaging manner on my character. Under the most biting criticism I have kept still and uttered nothing in reply to my accusers. If the many things that have been said were true, I would and could have no word of complaint to utter, but from my own knowledge of what I have done it has made me shudder at times to read of the debasing and mean things I am said to have done—statements which have not had the slightest foundation in fact. The time is coming when I will be able to do and say something for my own benefit. Since my imprisonment I have been laboring all I know how for the benefit of the creditors of Grant & Ward. For eight months I worked by day and by night to make out a statement that would show the condition of the affairs of the firm at the time of the failure. The statement that I made, which showed the name of every person who had any business with Grant & Ward, the amount of money that was advanced by him and the amounts that were paid to him as profits, was given to Mr Johnson, receiver of the Marine Bank, and Mr Davies, the receiver for Grant & Ward. This statement shows what was done with every penny that came to my hands while the firm of Grant & Ward existed. Mr. Davies has written that the indebtedness of the firm was $16,000,000, and that $11,000,000 of this amount had been paid, leaving a balance of $5,000,000. These are round numbers. Now the impression has gone forth that I absorbed the $5,000,000; that it went into my pocket for my individual benefit."

"It is my desire to aid any of the creditors of Grant & Ward in the recovery of money that may have been unlawfully paid out. I have worked diligently to accomplish this, and it makes no difference what may become of me I will continue to until the end. If the illegal claims against Grant & Ward were pressed the amount of indebtedness might reach $50,000,000, but there are many people who will hesitate a long time before they will present their claims to the receiver and ask that they be paid. I have been, and am now, condemned because I have not made public the statement that I prepared. I have not done so because I did not think that it was proper for me in the position that I occupy to do so. The statement should be made public by the receiver, and I believe that it is his duty to do so, and I do not understand why it has not been done, but I have been given the credit for it. There is one thing certain, that the statement will have to be made public. I am getting tired. There is a stain upon my name and family that must be removed. It is believed by every one who has no acquaintance with the facts that I made millions out of the firm's transactions. I did not, and to-day am not worth a dollar. I am made the scapegoat, and everything is laid at my door. It is not right. There are others who must be held responsible. If the statement, which, to a large extent is my justification, is not made public I will be compelled to give it to you. In the Warner suit I could not bring it out, and in the criminal suit that has been brought against me I will not be able to show my real position. I have been under a cloud long enough, and it is only justice to myself that it should be known who shared the profits with Grant & Ward. The books of the firm show every transaction. There is the account of Mayor Grace. He used to discount notes of Grant & Ward for five per cent., and in addition was paid $1,000 that he advanced. He got in round numbers, as I remember it, $100,000 in profits. He says he made nothing out of the firm. My statement taken from the books will show that he holds notes of the firm for $50,000, but this does not approach his profits."

"Did the firm of Grant & Ward ever have anything to do with the fund of $250,000 given to General Grant and held in trust by Messrs. Morgan, Hoyt & Jones?"

"Yes, but no part of this money was lost. Mr. Hoyt at one time loaned Grant & Ward about $27,000 on call, against which he held securities worth twenty per cent more than the loan. This, I understand, was part of the trust money. The loan was paid off before the failure of Grant & Ward, and since then we never held a cent of the money to my knowledge. General Grant knew nothing about the business of Grant & Ward. He had no knowledge of its affairs. If I could have gone to see him after the failure and explained to him the nature of many transactions he would, I believe, have been satisfied and would not have recorded the unfavorable opinion of me that he did. But he, like every one else, has blamed me for things that I never did. Light, however, will sooner or later be thrown on my transactions and strange things be cleared up. I may be crushed, but I am not dead. Other people have had their day and I have suffered, but there is an end to everything, and Ferdinand Ward will be heard from in his own behalf."

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A Remarkable Feat of Engineering.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., September 28.—The storm passed away Saturday night, and although the water in the lake is very high and a considerable part of the rear of the city is still flooded, the worst is over, and the waters will subside under the influence of good weather. The break in the Louisville & Nashville Railroad between here and Mobile was closed yesterday morning by a large force. It was accomplished by building a crib-work of timber under the track over the worst washouts, enabling trains to cross.

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The Special Delivery System.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 29.—The Post-office Department proposes to issue a circular which is intended to be supplemental to the instructions already published in regard to the special delivery service, which goes into operation October 1st. The circular points out, among other things, the importance of senders of special letters directing such letters as plainly and explicitly as possible. Wherever it can be done the street and number should be given. Where this is not practicable, the occupation of the addressee should be given. In this way delivery will be facilitated and mistakes avoided.

A BAD TURK.

An Ottoman Who Undoubtedly Would Prefer a Residence in Canada.

LONDON, October 1.—A dispatch from Constantinople, received yesterday afternoon, says: Considerable consternation prevails in official circles over the important discovery just made by [illegible] Pasha, the new Minister of War. Immediately on being installed in his new position Alibi-Sahub-Pasha ordered all the various department commanders to report the strength of their respective commands and their present condition and detailed several officers to inspect the various posts. Their reports have been received and show that under Ghazel Osman Pasha, the ex-Minister of War, who was dismissed [illegible], the army was almost entirely neglected and large sums of money voted for military purposes were used in other ways than those for which they were meant. Inquiry has revealed that the Adrianople army, which was supposed to be [illegible] strong, contains not half that number. The soldiers have no uniforms and are shoeless. The cavalry is unable to move, owing to lack of horses and necessary accoutrements. Four hundred horses and 2,000 men, who have been fully equipped, are under orders to march at an hour's notice. Four ironclads are actively preparing for sea, but there are only four [illegible] available, and their departure may possibly be delayed on that account. [illegible] Turkish troops made an attack on the Roumelian outposts at Mustapha Pasha, a town in Roumelia twenty miles [illegible] of Adrianople. The outposts were [illegible] reinforced, and a skirmish ensued, in which the Turks were defeated and forced to retreat, carrying with them a number of wounded.

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FICKLE WOMAN.

A Young Lady of New Haven, Conn., Marries the Other Fellow.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., October 1.—No event has agitated New Haven society for many years to such an extent as has the elopement of Miss Honora I. Harwood, the youngest daughter of Rev. Dr. Edward Harwood, rector of Trinity Church of this city, and Truman Hemingway of New York City. The couple were married yesterday in Jersey City. Miss Harwood was to have been married Wednesday next in this city, to Mr. Pruyens a young gentleman of Albany, N. Y., who is reported to be worth $1,000,000. Great preparations were made for the wedding. Invitations were issued, and ushers selected and the costumes were made. The wedding promised to be the most brilliant and notable that has taken place in this city for years. But little is known of Mr. Hemingway in this city. He was formerly in ordinary circumstances but is said to have recently inherited a fortune. Two years ago Miss Harwood spent the season with her family at Mount Desert. While there she met the gentleman who is joined with her in this affair. The young lady is twenty-two years of age and has been a great favorite in New Haven society. After the ceremony yesterday, the bride dispatched copies of her marriage certificate to her father, in this city, and to her betrothed, in Albany, together with the announcement that she and her husband were to sail for Europe on the steamer Werra of the Bremen line. Dr. and Mrs. Harwood are said to be prostrated by their daughter's strange action.

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THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Restrictions on the Importation of Chinamen—A Passport System.

WASHINGTON, October 1.—United States Minister Merrill has sent to the Department of State copies of regulations recently promulgated by the Hawaiian Kingdom controlling the immigration of Chinese. In substance they are as follows: No vessel will be allowed to land more than twenty-five Chinese passengers at any port in the kingdom, unless the passengers in excess of that number are provided with passports entitling them to enter. Passports, entitling the holders to return to the kingdom, will be granted to persons of Chinese nationality now resident, or who may hereafter become residents of the islands; provided such persons have been engaged in trade or have conducted some industrial enterprise during at least a year of their residence. No return passports will be given to Chinese laborers leaving the islands. Passports will be granted at the Foreign Office, also by His Majesty's Consular officers at Hong Kong, Shanghai and San Francisco to any Chinese women desiring to come to the islands and for Chinese children whose parents are residing in the kingdom or who may not be more than ten years of age. Passports entitling the holder to enter the kingdom will also be granted at the Foreign Office to such persons of Chinese nationality as the Minister of Foreign Affairs may claim it proper to admit to the kingdom.

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A LIGHTNING INSPECTOR.

A Special Agent Who Lowers the Record on Inspecting Indian Agencies.

WASHINGTON, September 30.—Special Agent Armstrong, of the Interior Department, has returned to Washington on leave for a few days to consult with Indian Commissioner Atkins and Secretary Lamar. General Armstrong was sent to the Indian Territory at the time the cattle men were ordered off the public lands. After he had performed this mission he went rapidly through a number of agencies, inspecting about seven inside of two weeks. His reports are regarded as models of intelligent and comprehensive statements at the Department, but evidences of more study and time in their preparation would give them greater weight. General Armstrong finds fault with the radical changes made in the removal of certain agents and their clerks, and the substitution of new men without training or experience to administer the affairs pertaining to such places. He recommends the instruction of agents or clerks separately, so that each can get the benefit of instructions from those who are acquainted with the Indians to be managed. He makes a number of other recommendations, which have not yet been fully examined, owing to the rush with which his reports have been showered upon the department. He will be ordered West again in a short time, with the intimation to proceed more deliberately.

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The Assassin Unknown.

FORT SMITH, ARK., October 1.—A special from Fayetteville, Ark., says: Fred Pyeatt, a prominent citizen of Huntsville, fourteen miles east of here, was shot and killed by an unknown party at an early hour this morning. It seems that Pyeatt was jealous about his wife, and consequently did not get along with her. Yesterday evening they both left home and remained away all night. Pyeatt returned home about daylight this morning, and shortly afterward was found lying in the house dead, with a bullet hole in his back. His assassin is unknown, but he evidently apprehended trouble, and had carried a pistol for somebody.

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Fall of a Building.

CHICAGO, October 1.—A four-story brick building in the rear of 196 and 198 South Clark street collapsed at 2:30 o'clock this morning. The basement was used as a working part of a bakery, and several employes engaged there had a narrow escape. The loss is estimated at $50,000, as the contents of the building were valuable, there being $10,000 worth of desiccated egg alone in one part. The second floor was stored with flour. On the third was a large machine shop with a valuable plant and the fourth floor was devoted to the manufacture of printing rollers. The supports throughout the entire building were wooden.