

DEAD NUMBER AN 100

A DYNAMITE EXPLOSION MOST APPALLING.

Three Hundred Were Wounded and Thousands Rendered Homeless—Tore a Hole 200 Feet Long and 80 Feet Wide Under a Freight Car.

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 21.—Details are reaching this city of what is probably one of the most disastrous dynamite explosions on record in any part of the world.

Viendendorp, the scene of the explosion, is a suburb of Johannesburg. Its inhabitants number the poorer classes of whites of the Rand, Malays, Kafirs and Chinamen, who subsist for the most part by doing odd jobs about the place, which is a railway transfer station for the mining districts of the section.

Among the freight cars standing on the Shunt mines at Viendendorp yesterday were eight trucks loaded with dynamite. The deadly stuff was hidden under canvas coverings to protect it from the sun.

As evening was approaching there was an explosion near the freight depot so intense that the ground for miles around was convulsed as if by an earthquake. Houses rocked and fell, masses of iron were hurled skyward, and the windows of almost every house in Johannesburg were broken.

The victims were mostly Malays, Kafirs and Chinamen, the whites being in a minority at Viendendorp, out in spite of this, quite a number of white people, including six girls, are among the victims of the calamity.

In fifteen minutes after the explosion occurred the bodies of forty dead persons, all terribly mutilated, were carried away from the scene, while the searching of the ruins continued without intermission.

In addition to the wounded, thousands of people were rendered homeless, and they must rely on the charitable for aid.

Pieces of iron, stone and brick are scattered all over Johannesburg. Every building felt the great shock more or less.

The headquarters of the Wanderers club is being used as a morgue. In the gaily decorated club room are horrible lines of memberless, blackened trunks of human bodies, rows of charred arms and legs, crushed and burned heads, hands, feet, pieces of flesh, etc., tied up in bags, the whole presenting a sickening sight.

The force of the explosion drove the iron axles of the trucks upon which the dynamite rested twenty feet into the hard ground.

How the explosion occurred is not known, but it is believed that a thiefing Kafir found his way to the shunt trucks and in trying to break open one of the cases of the explosive, being in ignorance of what it contained, caused the disaster.

According to the latest estimate about 100 persons have been killed and about 200 wounded badly. Several of the wounded have since died of their injuries.

All of the hospitals are filled with sufferers, and many private houses have been opened to the wounded and homeless.

Most of the houses in Viendendorp were built of corrugated iron, as is usual in South Africa suburbs, and of this material, near where the explosion took place, hardly a vestige remains.

A popular subscription has been opened for the relief of the wounded homeless. Already \$100,000 have been raised and this amount will reach 50 million dollars before night. In addition steps have already been taken to clear away the debris.

The force and the Ulitlanders are working harmoniously in the succoring of the wounded and homeless. The disaster seems to have done a great deal towards healing the bitter feeling caused by the Jameson raid.

President Kruger has telegraphed his sympathy with the people of Johannesburg and he is being kept informed on all details.

R. E. Booz of Downing was run over by a car and wagon and so badly injured that he may not recover.

W. W. Astor's Engagement. LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Leeds Mercury says the engagement of William Waldorf Astor and Lady Randolph Churchill, formerly Miss Jennie Jerome of New York, will be announced shortly.

Debs a Governatorial Candidate. SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 21.—The Tribune says that Eugene V. Debs will accept the Populist nomination for governor of Indiana on a platform favoring the free coinage of silver and in opposition to corporations.

SENATORS DISCUSS CUBA

Propriety of Extending Belligerent Rights Debated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Senate to-day, on motion of Mr. Chandler, postponed consideration of Mr. Lodge's resolution for an investigation of recent bond issues until Monday.

Mr. Call, at 2 o'clock, called up the resolution to grant belligerent rights to the Cuban insurgents. Mr. Cameron moved a substitute resolution requesting the President to offer the good offices of this Government to bring the war to a close.

Mr. Call spoke, severely arraigning the Spanish government for its administration in Cuba. Senator Cameron followed Mr. Call. He referred to the fact that he was in President Grant's cabinet at the time of the former Cuban uprising. He objected to the committee resolution as accomplishing nothing and giving offense to Spain without extending any benefit to Cuba.

Mr. Lodge followed Mr. Cameron in a vigorous speech advocating the recognition of Cuban independence. He referred to the unfrivolousness of not only Spain but France and England as well at the time of the civil war.

A letter from Secretary Carlisle, as to the coin and other money in circulation was read and ordered printed.

Mr. Squire of Washington reported favorably a bill requiring marine engineers to be American citizens. Mr. Frye called attention to recent remarks of Mr. Squire criticizing the American course of the international steamship line. Mr. Frye declared that the senator had unintentionally misstated the facts, having been "cramped with misinformation."

UNION PACIFIC SALE.

Receiver Anderson Objects to the Central Pacific Being Disposed of Separately.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Mr. Anderson, a receiver of the Union Pacific railroad, and ex-Congressman Coombs, a government director, appeared before the house committee on Pacific railroads to-day. They asked that the Union and Central Pacific roads be put up for sale as a whole and given to the highest bidder.

Mr. Anderson submitted an amendment to the bill presented to the committee by him, providing for the issue of patents to the several roads. The Union Pacific, he said, had used the proceeds of the sale of lands for the payment of interest on bonds; what was done with the money secured from the bonds he did not know.

The Union Pacific was very much misunderstood as to its financial ability, for, though it was insolvent, it had been able to pay every bill for operating expenses. The proposition to sell the properties in separate parts was not good. They should be sold as a whole, and in that way would bring a much higher price than otherwise.

All propositions for any other solution than a sale, he said, would meet with opposition from Congress, for however meritorious they might be, it was impossible to secure a unanimity of opinion from so large a body.

Mr. Coombs agreed with the proposition that the roads should be sold together and carry out the original plan that they should be a through line from the Missouri river to the Pacific. The government would probably obtain \$75,000,000 from them. It might be well, he said, for the government to protect itself by making an upset price. It would also be well to bring those persons owning terminal facilities into the suit to settle the question whether the terminals should be sold with the road. The government should not sell its lien upon the properties. If we can rid ourselves of this railroad scandal, he said, the value of our stocks all over the world would appreciate.

NO NEED FOR ICE

Device for Shipping Perishable Goods That Promises Great Results.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Contracts were drawn up in Chicago yesterday by means of which it is promised that packers and shippers of perishable products will, in future, get along without ice.

Dr. A. T. Perkins, now a resident of Chicago, has patented a process of keeping fruits and perishable products during transportation by the use of sterilized air. His patents extend to the Antipodes.

Mr. Smart of the Australian meat export company's corporation is of the opinion that the new process, which he says will enable Australia to ship its meat to Europe instead of boiling it down to make tallow, will virtually force the American producers of dressed meat out of the European market. He adds: "Moreover, it will enable us to ship our fruit, which now rots for want of a market, to Europe at a season when it will command the highest prices and annihilate the trade which the American syndicate has been planning for. We propose to supply the whole of Great Britain with meat and fruit. Six warehouses are now being built in London and Manchester, which will serve as our distributing points. Two of them are among the largest receiving warehouses in the world."

The fruit syndicate of California is the interest which Mr. Smart says has been most concerned about the matter.

Left a Miniature Coffin on His Doorstep. PERRY, Okla., Feb. 21.—Twenty miles north of here a few nights ago whitecaps left a miniature coffin on the doorsteps of L. A. Irwin. On the coffin were inscribed the words: "Whitecaps 177." Inside the coffin was three feet of rope. It is thought it was left there by Irwin's contestants to scare him out of the country.

President Refuses Redwine a Pardon. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The president has denied the application for pardon for Lewis Redwine, sentenced in Georgia to six years imprisonment in the Ohio penitentiary and costs for embezzling funds of a national bank.

The president also refused a pardon to F. M. O. Holstop, sentenced in Oregon to ten years' hard labor for forgery.

South Stevenson President General. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Daughters of the American Revolution to-day unanimously elected Mrs. Stevenson, wife of the Vice President, as president general.

NO DOUBT OF A FIGHT.

Everything in Readiness for the Fitzsimmons-Maher MMA.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 21.—Everything points to a fight to-morrow, and everybody is preparing for an all night ride. The exact location of the battleground is still a matter of conjecture, but Stuart will give out the tip to the faithful this evening. The general impression is that it will be across the Mexican border in some isolated spot, and the whole affair is practically the Sullivan-Kilrain fight over again.

The fight train will leave here some time to-night, arriving at the ringside early to-morrow morning, when the battle will be pulled off and the party return to El Paso as rapidly as is possible. The ring and seat holders disappeared yesterday, and everybody feels that the agony will be over before sundown to-morrow and that Fitz will be returned the winner.

Peter Maher came in from Las Cruces this morning to be in readiness to start for the battleground at any time within the next twenty-four hours. He was accompanied by Jim Hall, Jimmy Conners and several others, who will assist him at the ringside. A large crowd gathered the party at the depot and Maher had considerable difficulty in working his way through to the carriage which "Buck" Connelly had in waiting for him. He walked quickly and with a free swinging stride, showing that he was in fair condition at least. A pair of goggles covered his eyes from the bright light of the sun, but he seemed to use them without inconvenience.

"My eyes are much better," Maher said, "and I am going to do the best I can when I get into the ring. I wish I could have better luck in preparing for the fight. It really seems as if everything has been against me in training, but that is one of the things a man must take chances on in this business. I certainly expect to win from Fitzsimmons, and I am going right at him from the first sound of the gong. I don't think the fight will be a long one in any event. I will win in five rounds or less. They tell me Fitzsimmons is in good shape, and I am glad of that. It will be all the more to my credit if I win. I see that Corbett says he will challenge the winner. I will give him a chance as quickly as he wants it, the sooner the better."

Maher will be seconded by Connolly, Hall, Lowery and Quinn, while Fitz will be escorted by Julian, Everhart, Stelzner and McCoy.

TWICE HANGED.

The First Rope Broke and Fitzgerald Did Not Lose Consciousness.

St. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 21.—James Fitzgerald was hanged here this forenoon for the murder of his sweetheart, Annie Naessens, on the night of November 24, 1893. Fitzgerald was taken to the gallows at 10 o'clock, blind, the trap sprung and the culprit shot down six feet, but not to death. The rope broke and the victim lay struggling on the ground beneath the gallows. The black cap was instantly removed by the doctors, who found Fitzgerald still conscious. Stimulants were given and he revived and was taken into the morgue a few feet away, where he was cared for by the doctors.

A new rope was sent for at once, and at 11 o'clock the sick and trembling, but nerved victim, was again taken to the scaffold. At 11:02 the trap was again sprung. His neck was broken.

SLAIN BY AN ASSASSIN.

Harper County, Kansas, Farmer Murdered by a Man Waiting in Ambush.

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 21.—A cold-blooded murder was perpetrated last night at Anthony, in the southwestern part of the state. Charles Rodman, a prominent farmer, returned from Harper, Kan., about 8 o'clock, where he had been on business. His family heard him enter the yard, unhitch his team and a few moments later heard a loud report. His son, Claud, who was in the house, ran to the door, when he saw another flash, and saw his father reel, and fall, and saw an unknown man disappear in the darkness. On reaching his father he found him dead, with gunshot wounds in his left arm and another charge of slugs in his breast.

The excitement is intense, and if the assassin is captured, there will very probably be a lynching party in that vicinity.

NO MORE BODIES RECOVERED.

NEWCASTLE, Col., Feb. 21.—The presence of poisonous gases in the Vulcan mine has retarded the recovery of the bodies of the victims of the explosion which occurred Tuesday. So far, four bodies only have been recovered. Under the direction of State Coal Mine Inspector Griffiths, a brattice has been built to aid in cleaning the mine of gas, and as rapidly as possible the lower level will be penetrated and the dead miners brought to the surface.

A Kansas Populist Editor Insane.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 21.—D. T. Palmer, a newspaper man of local notoriety, became insane at his home last night and was taken in custody by the sheriff, pending an inquiry before the Probate court. Recently he has been city editor of the Co-Operator, a Populist daily. He imagines people are pursuing him with intent to do violence.

A 9-Year-Old Boy Commits Suicide.

LEXINGTON, Ind., Feb. 21.—The 9-year-old son of Fleming Marshall of Greene county committed suicide with arsenic because his father whipped him.

An Actress Dies of Heart Disease.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Lucie Freisinger, one of the leading members of the Irving Place Theater company, died yesterday of heart disease. Miss Freisinger was 26 years old and was born in Vienna. She was a favorite with those who frequented the Irving Place theater.

GIROTTI, III., FEB. 20.

GIROTTI, Ill., Feb. 20.—Harrison Burdick, aged 65 years, and Miss Hanna Hintz, aged 17 years, were married yesterday. The groom is a wealthy resident of Plainfield and the bride is also of that town.

BROWN'S TROUBLES.

WOMEN PRESENT STRONG EVIDENCE.

Mrs. Mary A. Davidson Reports Charges She Has Already Made Against Him—Mrs. Stockton Gives Damaging Evidence Against the Pastor and Himself.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—There were startling developments in the trial of the Rev. C. O. Brown yesterday. Mrs. M. A. Stockton kept her promise to Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper and was a witness against the accused pastor. She practically admitted that Dr. Brown had been unduly intimate with her and that their relations were known to Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Davidson, the cause of all Dr. Brown's troubles, appeared before the council in charge of a deputy sheriff and filed her charges against the minister. She accuses Brown of adultery with Miss Overman, with causing an unlawful operation to be performed and with various kinds of deception. She also says she has a statement in reserve which is a "scorch."

Dr. Brown prevailed upon the council to listen without delay to his denial of the serious allegations of Mrs. Stockton.

The proceedings were enlivened by a witty encounter between Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper and the Rev. Dr. Brown. Following this it was announced that the accused pastor and Miss Overman would examine the Overman-Tonnell letters. Dr. Brown will attempt an explanation of these letters.

Mrs. Mary A. Davidson repeated this afternoon the charges which she had already made against the pastor to the public.

Mrs. Stockton was recalled and questioned by Judge Advocate Woodhams. "Tell us if you met the Rev. Brown at other times."

"Oh, I met him many times," Mrs. Stockton answered. "So many times that I was willing to go to the ends of the earth for him. I would no sooner get in my room sometimes than the door would open and the doctor would come in. He was my very shadow. One day we took a long walk to North beach. Sometimes we walked on the down town streets, but that was dangerous and we confined our strolls to the streets near the park, where we would not be in danger of running into people we might know."

"Are you still a member of this church in good standing?"

"Oh, yes, nobody has ever said anything against me," Dr. Brown said.

"Have you ever had any personal relations with the Rev. Dr. Brown other than you have related?"

"That's a leading question. I was silly enough to believe that he would marry me. He admitted he had wronged me."

"Have you ever had any criminal relations with the Rev. Brown?"

"I haven't denied it. I have been attacked and it was a great humiliation for me to come here and tell this story. I would have stayed away had it not been for Dr. Brown, and I always thought so much of him."

The Rev. Brown protested against this remark. Attorney Bartlett, on behalf of his client, told the council that Mrs. Stockton had further evidence for the ears of the council alone and the reporters retired.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Much Routine Work Disposed Of, Debate Over Indian Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Again the House attended strictly to business. The conference report on the diplomatic and consular bill was agreed to, the Senate amendments to the pension bill were sent to conference, and the Indian appropriation bill was taken up. The latter bill carries \$2,630,995, or \$132,727 less than the law for the current year. In connection with a proposition to increase the salaries of Indian inspectors from \$2,500 to \$3,000, the salaries fixed by law on the bills of the last two years have only appropriated \$2,500 each for these salaries, both Mr. Cannon and Mr. Dingley, the Republican leaders on the floor, appealed to the majority in view of the situation of the treasury to keep down expenses, and refuse to take a step in the direction of increased salaries.

But their appeals were in vain, and the action of the committee on Indian Affairs in restoring the salaries was sustained, \$7-50.

A bill was passed granting railroad companies in the Indian Territory additional powers to secure depot grounds.

Mr. Flynn, the Oklahoma delegate, moved to strike out the appropriation of \$15,000 for five Indian inspectors, whom Mr. Flynn termed "Hoke Smith's personal body guard."

Mr. Dockery, Democrat of Missouri, moved as an amendment to reduce the salaries of inspectors to \$2,500 each, the amount of salaries fixed in the current appropriation law. The motion was defeated.

The committee rose with the Flynn amendment still pending.

At 2:10 p. m. the House adjourned.

Catholic Church Upholds No Divorce.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 22.—Archbishop Ireland said yesterday: "The report coming from Halifax that Pope Leo has granted a full divorce on the ground of infidelity on the part of a woman in Halifax, is clearly a misrepresentation of the facts in the case. The positive and inflexible teachings of the Catholic church is that a valid marriage contract, duly consummated, cannot be annulled or made by any authority in church or state, death alone terminating its obligations."

Man of 66 Weds a Woman of 59.

ATCHISON, Kan., Feb. 22.—John Merkel of Bradshaw, Mo., aged 66, and Mrs. Sophia Dorson of Atchison county, aged 59, were married in Atchison yesterday. Both are well-to-do, and signed an anti-nuptial agreement not to inherit property from each other.

Farms Flooded by an Ice Gorge.

LA PLATTE, Neb., Feb. 22.—An ice gorge has formed in the Platte river near here and farming land for many miles is submerged and the farmers have sought the highlands. Much farm procreator has been raised.

THE BURGLARS GET \$3,500

Safe Browsers Rob the Bank at McLouth, Kansas.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 22.—The bank at McLouth, twelve miles north of here, in Jefferson county, was robbed last night. Two men entered and blew open the safe, securing \$3,500 in cash. The men then stole a team from a Methodist minister and harness and wagon from O. W. Graham and started south. The Lawrence police were notified and found two men at the depot who answered the description. The men got away. They left the team at Lawrence and bought tickets for Linwood. Officers are in pursuit.

When Cashier C. H. Steper entered the bank at 9 o'clock this morning he discovered that during the night the bank had been robbed by breaking the screen out of the window of the directors' room and then prying up the cash. A hole was drilled over the combination of the lock to the vault, then with a punch the catch was driven back. Four large fence posts were taken into the vault as braces, and after the safe had been drilled it was blown open.

Steper found everything in confusion. Lines and papers covered the floor and nothing of value remained except personal notes. Depositors will not lose, as the funds are fully insured in the Fidelity company.

The deputy state bank commissioner is at McLouth and announces that business will be resumed to-morrow morning.

Two or three suspicious characters were noticed in McLouth yesterday and they are thought to be the culprits. The two horses were stolen from the Rev. J. H. Klein. The harness and bits with which the work was done were taken from the blacksmith shop of Roger and Kenyon, just across the street from the bank.

WALLER A FREE MAN.

He Is Released from Prison—Will Join His Family.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Secretary Olney received a cablegram to-day from Ambassador Eustis, announcing that Waller, the ex-consul at Madagascar, was released from prison to-day. It is expected that Waller will join his family in the United States.

As Waller is entirely destitute of means, Ambassador Eustis has been authorized by Secretary Olney to provide him with transportation to the United States. He has been in prison for nearly a year, having been arrested on the 5th of March last, in Madagascar, and afterwards being kept in confinement in the military prison in France. The authorities here feel that they have reason to be gratified at the outcome of the case, which, as revealed by the correspondence on the subject, came nearer than the public was aware at one time of leading to severance of diplomatic relations between the two republics.

The point at issue was whether Waller was guilty of the offense charged against him, but whether the government had the right to insist upon satisfying itself that the American citizen had had justice.

The Waller family announces that, upon Waller's return from France, they will return to Kansas, and will live again in their old home in Kansas City, Kan.

Embezzler Handed on Trial.

FOUR SCOTT, Kan., Feb. 22.—The important witnesses for the government to-day in the trial in the Federal court of C. H. Rice, ex-cashier of the Burlington National bank of Burlington, Kan., charged with embezzling \$75,000, were Vice President G. G. Hall, book-keeper B. W. King, V. L. Poole, county clerk of Wilson county and Directors David Eppinger and J. A. Kennedy. By them the district attorney sought to prove that when Rice loaned large sums of money to the Fredonia Canning company, the Fredonia Ice plant and the Osawatimie Electric Light company, in all of which he and his brothers were large stockholders, he knew that the security given was of no value, and that the loans were made with the intent to convert the money to his own use. The trial will continue till next week.

Censors Learning Their Salaries.

HAVANA, Feb. 22.—The affair at Palo Prieto increases in importance as further details of it are learned, and the official reports given out indicate there was a great slaughter of insurgents. The troops, which were, it is said, greatly outnumbered, performed heroic achievements, and the losses inflicted upon the insurgents were, it is said, so heavy that the smell of decomposing corpses is unendurable for a distance of three miles from the field. The insurgent loss is now stated to have been nearly 200 dead and wounded.

He Went to Prison Unattended.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 22.—Ollie Segraves, a white boy 19 years old, was convicted of grand larceny and sentenced to the state penitentiary last Monday at Piggott, Ark. To-day the young man entered the penitentiary unattended and asked to be locked up, handing the superintendent a note from the sheriff of Clay county, giving the authorities instructions as to the length of Segraves' sentence.

Where Missouri Democrats Will Meet.

SEDALIA, Mo., Feb. 22.—J. W. Zeveloff, secretary of the Democratic State committee, to-day selected Wood's opera house as a place for holding the State convention on April 15, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Chicago national convention. Minor arrangements were left to the local committee.

Acquitted of Murder.

MILAN, Mo., Feb. 22.—Harvey Hamilton, on trial at Unionville for the murder of his brother, Oliver, was acquitted. Harvey is a relative of the Taylor brothers, who are now under sentence of death for the murder of the Meeks family.

A Fire Loss of \$7,500 at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Kan., Feb. 22.—Fire this morning destroyed the building occupied by McHenry & Co.'s dry goods store. Loss \$7,500, well insured. The cause of the fire was an explosion of gas, which had escaped from an open jet.

FITZ IS AN EASY WINNER

Defeats Peter Maher in One Round Which Lasted Just One Minute and a Half.

LANGRY, Tex., Feb. 22.—The long-delayed fight between Robert Fitzsimmons and Peter Maher occurred on the Mexican side, one mile and a half from the Langtry depot. It took Fitzsimmons just nine seconds to defeat Maher and become the heavyweight champion of the world. The knock-out blow which ended the only round fought and won the fight, was one of Fitzsimmons' famous upper hooks. It was 4:25 when time was called, and one minute and thirty seconds later Maher was lying on the platform unable to respond when the ten seconds had ticked away. Corbett has challenged the winner to fight anywhere, for any purse or none at all.

SANDERSON, Texas, Feb. 22.—The fight party which left El Paso last night reached this place shortly after noon on its way to the fighting ground. We were over an hour late here and will not reach Langtry until about 3 o'clock this afternoon. From Langtry we are to cross the Rio Grande into the state of Coahuila, in Mexico, where the fight will take place. Dan Stuart tells me that the ring has already been set up within a mile from the station at Langtry. The only thing likely to prevent a fight this afternoon is dark weather, which would knock out the plans of the kinoscope people.

There are ten car loads of sports in one train, and Fitz and the Irishman are in separate cars. Fitz and Maher are in excellent condition, and each confident of victory. Maher's eyes are nearly well and as will be able to enter the ring and put up a good fight.

At El Paso, Texas, Feb. 22.—Train No. 15 of the Southern Pacific, carrying the prize fight party, has just passed this station. It is two hours late. It is due on the present schedule to reach Langtry, 110 miles east of here, the supposed battleground, about 3:30 o'clock, Denver time. It is thought to be exceedingly doubtful whether the arrangements can be perfected so as to pull the fight off before dark, in which case it will be pulled off early to-morrow morning. The party was all well and in good spirits when the train passed here.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 22.—Fitzsimmons and Maher, their backers, trainers and seconds and the crowds bound for the fight left this city at 11:05 o'clock last night in a special east-bound train over the Southern Pacific railway. The immediate members of the Maher and Fitzsimmons parties were provided with railroad tickets to Langtry, Tex., and sleeping car berths to Del Rio, Tex., the second station east of Langtry. The Southern Pacific tracks run close to the Rio Grande river near Langtry, and it is said to be Stuart's intention to cross the river into the Mexican state of Coahuila, and that the ring will be pitched at the foot of Mosquito mountain. The region is very inaccessible to Mexican troops, the mountains dropping close to the edge of the river, and it is expected that the fight will take place in one of the valleys on the river bank.

Just before the train pulled out it was discovered that every available inch of space on the trucks was occupied by hoodlums bent on beating their way to the fight. Pat Masterson took a survey of the situation and remarked that the impassable sports would have a long walk back to El Paso. Masterson's plan was to get his men together and clear the trucks of the train when they reached a point 50 miles east of here. Several clambered to the roofs of the coaches.

Corbett Wants to Meet the Winner. CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—James J. Corbett sent two telegrams to El Paso last night, one to Fitzsimmons and the other to Maher, asking the winner to meet Corbett in Chicago any day between March 1 and March 6, and arrange for a fight.

TOPEKA'S GRAVE ROBBERS.

Twenty-Eight Grand Jury Indictments Turned Into Court.

TOPEKA, Feb. 22.—The grand jury yesterday afternoon turned in twenty-eight indictments. Among them are four against M. E. Lowe, Louis Duncan, S. A. Johnson and Dr. A. W. Vau-man, for grave robbery. Lowe is charged with taking the bodies from the graves and the other three with guilty knowledge.

Among the arrests today on the warrant of the grand jury's indictments were Dr. J. E. Minney, dean of the Topeka Medical school, charged with complicity in the grave robberies; Po-licemen Johnson and Hobson, charged with stealing Frank Durien's beer, and Joe Kellam, charged with stealing a barrel of beer from the Santa Fe freight depot. The indictments also include a number of keepers of "beer clubs."

The grand jury's investigations are said to have uncovered a great deal of illicit traffic in whiskey and beer, some of the places or "clubs" being so notorious that their existence must have been known by the metropolitan police, whose special duty under the law is to suppress the liquor traffic.

Mr Runyon Lies in State in Newark.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The body of the late Theodore Runyon, ambassador to Germany was on board the steamer Havel, which arrived to-day. The body was conveyed to Newark, where it will lie in state in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church until the funeral.

Those Endless Questions.

"Whose funeral is that?" "Gashwiler's." "What is Gashwiler dead?" "Not that I know of. He's probably riding around in the world for the fun of it."