

FIVE LIVES LOST

Family Perish in an Incendiary Fire at Buffalo.

AN EXPLOSION ADDS TO THE HORROR

Medicine Man Offered as a Sacrifice—A Woman Roasted to Death—Arm Torn Off in a Shredder—Train Falls Through a Bridge.

Henry Pearlstein, his wife and five children, ranging in age from one and a half to twelve years, of Buffalo, N. Y., were burned to death in a fire that destroyed a two-story frame building. Joseph Supowski, who owned the building, and Karl Bracki, his brother-in-law, have been arrested pending an investigation. Supowski carried an insurance of \$9,000 on the building and its contents.

The Pearlsteins and another family lived in rooms above a shoestore and were asleep when the fire started. Supowski told the police that he accidentally dropped a lamp. A few minutes after the fire began there was a loud explosion that blew out the front of the store and hurled some of the contents of the windows into the middle of the street. The flames enveloped the building in a short time.

The family living in the rear flat barely escaped with their lives. The Pearlsteins were awakened but before they could reach the only staircase leading from their rooms the fire had undermined the floor in the hallway, and it collapsed, carrying them down into a mass of flames. Their charred bodies were found four hours after the firemen had extinguished the flames.

GOVERNMENT IS GOOD.

So Declares a Minister Lately Returned From the Philippines.

Rev. A. L. Hazlett, a Methodist Episcopal preacher of Colorado City, Colo., has returned from the Philippines. He went to the Philippines at the request of General MacArthur and under the authority of the secretary of war to study and report upon the moral condition in the islands, particularly at Manila. His report is that he found a gratifying condition of affairs in the metropolis of the Philippines.

"Manila is the best governed city I ever saw," said Rev. Hazlett, "and I do not believe its equal in this respect exists in the United States today. The moral condition is better than ever before in the history of the city. Since the American occupation the arrests for drunkenness were decreased in number, and for the good reason that drunkenness has been discouraged by the authorities in the right manner. It was formerly said that there were 400 saloons on the Escalante, but now not one is to be found there. The total number of saloons in the city is 100 and they are governed in a strict manner. The city generally is in a pretty good condition and its management reflects credit upon the Americans who have it in charge."

Charged With Treason.

Mrs. Alice Anthony, wife of Dr. Richard S. Anthony, is in Chicago anxiously awaiting news of the fate of her husband, who is on trial for his life in South Africa on a charge of high treason to Great Britain.

Dr. Anthony is an American citizen, residing in Cradock, South Africa. His trial was set for January 7 and his wife is still in ignorance of its results. According to Mrs. Anthony's statement the couple were married in South Africa and then came to America. The husband graduated from the Cooper medical college of San Francisco, afterward taking a post-graduate course in the university of Michigan. Five years ago he went to Cradock and began to practice his profession. Mrs. Anthony was a Miss Wessels, daughter of Matthew Wessels, afterward a Boer general. For safety Dr. Anthony sent his wife and two little girls to the United States until the war was over. Mrs. Anthony received word of her husband's arrest a month ago. He is charged with lending aid and comfort to the enemy and with intriguing against Great Britain.

Estimates on Crop Acreage.

The statistician of the department of agriculture estimates the average yield per acre of wheat in the United States in 1901 at 14.8 bushels, as compared with 12.3 bushels in 1900.

The newly seeded area of winter wheat is provisionally estimated at 32,000,000 acres, an increase of 5.6 per cent upon the area estimated to have been sown in the fall of 1900.

The newly seeded area of winter rye is provisionally estimated at 1,250,000 acres, an increase of 2.9 per cent upon the area estimated to have been sown in the fall of 1900.

The department has no reports as to the condition of winter wheat later than December 1. At that date it was 86.7 per cent of the normal, as compared with 97.1 in 1900.

Butte Breathes Easy Again

General Manager Bidwell of the Northwestern road, purchased a quarter section of land adjoining Butte for an addition to the townsite. The road will be completed by September. This action kills off several aspiring county seats. Butte people are satisfied and happy.

Another former Kansan, who fought with John Brown, died this week in London. There is no question that Old John Brown was a very quarrelsome person.

WARSHIPS FOR VENEZUELA

Conditions Are Such as to Make Precaution Necessary.

It is probable that Admiral Higginson, with his flagship Kearsarge, and several other vessels of the North Atlantic squadron, will shortly repair to Venezuelan waters, making his headquarters at La Guayra. The ships which Admiral Higginson will take with him have an unusually large number of marines aboard.

These precautions are taken, not with any offensive intent toward Venezuela, but merely to guard against an outbreak of anarchy and rioting in the event that the revolutionists should prevail over Castro's forces in the field. Owing to Admiral Higginson's high rank, he naturally would command any joint operations that might be incident to the landing of the naval forces of various nationalities.

Tortured to Death.

A special from Phoenix, Ariz., says: "Padre," a big medicine man of the Yuma Indians, who lived on a reservation near Yuma, Ariz., has been offered as a sacrifice to the spirit in accordance with their customs, and has expired the sins of the tribe, which are held responsible for an epidemic of smallpox. The medicine man divined the intentions of the Indians several days ago, and fled to the mountains, but in a half-starved condition he wandered back to the Indian village and pleaded for mercy. He was promptly bound hand and foot and conveyed by a delegation of Indians to Mexico, where he was bound to a tree and cruelly tortured to death. "Padre" had a warm place in the hearts of his tribesmen, but their customs required them to make a heavy sacrifice.

His Life Crashed Out.

Through the malice or thoughtlessness of a boy about fourteen years of age, Leonard Burnett, the seven-year-old son of William Burnett, residing in Springfield, Ill., but employed at the Chicago & Alton pumping station, at Virden, was pushed to the ground on Spring street, while returning from school with a companion and was run over by a street car, which was not over ten feet off when the Burnett child was pushed onto the track, and was instantly killed before the eyes of the horrified motorman. The Burnett boy was waiting for the car to pass, when he was pushed on the track. The boy who pushed him dashed on and has not been found.

Cold-Blooded Murder.

A cold-blooded murder was committed at the New Sharon Steel company mines, eight miles west of Uniontown, Pa. Henry Grant almost instantly killed William Jenkins. Jenkins was shift boss on the gang sinking the shaft and Grant had been in charge of the drilling machine. He proved unsuitable and was reduced to helper, while Jenkins put his brother in Grant's place. Grant became jealous and vengeful, and just as the men quit work Grant slipped up behind Jenkins, plunged a knife through his body and ran, escaping in the confusion.

Roasted to Death.

Mrs. Lena Christel, aged seventy, of Marinette, Wis., was literally roasted to death. Her charred and lifeless body was found in her room by a policeman who had seen smoke issuing from the place. The woman's death was mysterious, and Martin Christel, her son, is in jail to await an investigation. She was a Russian. Circumstances indicated that she had made an awful struggle for her life, as her body was found some distance from the bed where she had been lying sick.

Troops to Quell Hostilities.

Troop E, Thirteenth cavalry, has left Fort Keogh for the Lame Deer agency. The troop is under command of Captain Romain and Captain Ball. Word from the detachment on duty at the agency says that the Indian White, who is said to have caused the present disturbance, was suspected of killing beef illegally, and it was for that offense he was summoned by the agent in charge of the post.

Arm Torn off in Shredder.

Henry Wesceamp, of Weeping, Water, son of Joseph Wesceamp, aged twenty years, had his left arm caught in a cornstalk shredder while working around the shredder on the farm of Floyd Hashman. The forearm was torn off and went through the shredder. The arm was amputated at the elbow by Dr. J. H. Hungate. He stood the operation well and his condition is reported favorable for recovery.

Robbers Commit Murder.

Roy Iden, twenty-two years old of St. Joseph, was shot and killed by a robber at midnight in a butcher shop where he was employed as a clerk. Iden was making change for a customer when two men entered and commanded them to throw up their hands. Iden instead grasped a revolver when one of the robbers shot him dead. The robbers escaped.

Perish in the Flames.

Fire at Brinkley, Ark., destroyed several buildings, including the Arlington hotel, entailing a loss estimated at \$75,000. Charles Starkey, of Stuttgart, Ark., perished in the flames.

Pension for Ex-President.

Representative Lovering of Massachusetts has introduced a bill providing a salary for ex-presidents of the United States, at the rate of \$25,000 annually from the date of retirement from the presidency. The bill is to apply to any ex-president living.

Kills His Wife.

J. H. G. Saffel, a restaurant keeper at Eureka, Cal., shot and killed his young wife in the presence of his seven young children and then ended his own life.

SHE WAS DEMENTED

Professional Nurse Escapes From Nebraska City Hospital.

FOUND NEXT DAY ON THE ROADSIDE

Two Killed in Oklahoma Wreck—Coal Mine Disaster—Highwaymen Secure \$800—Fatally Burned by Kerosene—Other News.

Miss Alice Lebo, of Nebraska City, a professional nurse, who went insane made her escape from the hospital shortly after midnight clad only in her night clothes. Miss Lebo was found about a half mile from the hospital, with both her feet frozen. She was brought to the city and cared for.

An alarm was circulated as soon as it was learned she had disappeared, and searching parties started in all directions, one of them discovering her shortly after noon.

TWO FEDERAL DISTRICTS

Bill Introduced by Senator Dietrich to Divide Nebraska.

Senator Dietrich has introduced a bill for the division of Nebraska into two federal districts, the Platte river being the dividing line. The river, as is well known, divides eight of the nine counties and the question is whether these counties shall be put down in the southern or northern district. To arrive at a decision in the matter Senator Dietrich has written to the chairmen of the county commissioners in the counties traversed by the river, asking them to sound public opinion on the subject. He wants to hear from everybody concerned in the subject as to the preference between Hastings and Lincoln or Omaha and Norfolk. The presumption is that his bill in the senate may be amended in accordance with public sentiment. The state at large is regarded as favorable to a bill providing for another federal district judge for Nebraska.

Ancestry of Czolgosz.

Dr. L. Vernon Briggs of Boston, Mass., spent the greater part of last week in Cleveland in the neighborhood of the Czolgosz home and with the aid of an interpreter gathered a great deal of information.

He visited the Czolgosz family and tried to interview every person he could find that had ever spoken or was personally acquainted with Leon Czolgosz, the murderer of President McKinley.

He is said to have taken notes upon the house in which the Czolgosz family lived and upon the general environment of the neighborhood. He also went to the farm near Chagrin Falls, where the family resided for a time and inquired of the neighbors about the maneuvers of Leon Czolgosz.

In addition to the above he asked about the environments of Czolgosz's ancestors for several generations back in the land the family came from.

Dr. Briggs said he wanted the facts for scientific purposes.

Bold Holdup.

Two young men with handkerchiefs tied across the lower portion of their faces, entered Henry B. Chick's pool room at Kansas City, and with drawn revolvers compelled the proprietor, cashier and three other employees who were in the place, to lie down on the floor. The robbers secured between \$1,500 and \$2,500 and escaped.

A third man, supposed to be a confederate, guarded the entrance while the robbery was committed. Jimmy Driscoll and J. A. Frame, employees, who did not readily comply with the command to lie down, received heavy blows on the head with a revolver. Driscoll's skull was fractured.

The proprietor and his assistants were counting the money they had received during the day when attacked.

Appropriates a Warship.

The South American steamship company, having refused to charter its steamer Lantaro to the Colombian government, to be used by the latter as a gunboat, General Alban, the military commander of the district, issued a decree appropriating the vessel.

He has taken possession of it and has deposited a sum of money equal to its value with Senator Ehrman, a banker of Panama.

The captain and crew will remain in the service of the Colombian government. Cannon are being mounted upon her and she will probably sail from Panama to attack the fleet of the Colombian liberals.

Guilty of Embezzlement.

A. E. Patterson, ex-city treasurer of Clyde, was found guilty in the district court of Concordia, Kansas, of embezzling \$5,000 of the city's money. The money was collected from the Clyde "joists" as license payments and turned over to Patterson as treasurer. He contended that the city received the money illegally and could not therefore hold him accountable for it.

Die Together.

Thomas O'Brien, a tugboat captain, and an unknown woman aged fifty, were found dead in a room in a small water front hotel in New York. Death was caused by inhalation of illuminating gas, which had escaped from two open fixtures in a chandelier.

Fire in a Territory Mine.

A fire broke out in the newslope No. 7 at Dow, one of the principal tributaries of the Choctaw coal system, recently.

NEWS FROM BATANGAS

Military Expedition Restores Peace Without Loss to Army.

The news received from Batangas province at Manila is cheerful. The expedition to Loboc, in Batangas, has been a complete success. The columns under Colonels Wint and Wells have destroyed a large number of barracks and hamlets and enough rations to keep twenty thousand Filipinos for six months.

There was not a single American casualty during the entire expedition. The enemy fled before the Americans, many of them were killed and several surrendered.

Major Henry Allen, formerly governor of the island of Leyte and now chief of the insular constabulary, who has been making a tour of inspection through the islands of Leyte and Mindanao, has returned to Manila and reports that the native constabulary is fully able to control the situation in the province of Misamis, in northern Mindanao, where he thinks the situation has been much exaggerated.

Previous reports concerning this province caused Generals Davis and Wade to request that it be returned from civil to military control.

With the exception of the church, the entire town of Quinque, in Bulacan province, Luzon, has burned to the ground and thousands of Filipinos have been rendered homeless.

Relieved of \$800.

Fred Gady, a farmer of Malcolm, Neb., was held up by two men and relieved of \$800. Mr. Gady had been to Lincoln, settling up his business prior to moving to Oklahoma. He left Lincoln on Burlington train No. 49. On arriving at Malcolm the way car was stopped east of the depot and he got off and started to walk home, which was but a short distance from the track. He was barely off the right-of-way when a gun was shoved in his face, and he was told to stop. One man held the gun while the other went through his pockets. They found the bill book with the \$800 in it, but failed to get some silver which was loose in his pocket. Because of the darkness he was unable to desert to be free, other than that one was a tall slim fellow, and the other was of medium height and rather heavy set. It is thought they made their escape on train No. 49, which was just pulling out.

Saved by Sisters of Charity.

A human sacrificial offering was prevented by the timely arrival of some sisters of charity upon the scene in Baker City, Ore. Hy Wong, a paralytic Chinaman who has been a county charge, was returned to the care of his countrymen in Chinatown.

While he was an inmate of the county hospital his queas had been cut off. On this account the Chinese made preparations to offer him as a sacrifice to Joss.

Hy Wong managed to get a message to the sisters at the hospital and they rescued him before his life was taken.

It is asserted that all the preparations for Hy Wong's execution had been completed when the sisters arrived at the Joss house.

Prisoner's Neat Trick.

Frank Holt, a military prisoner on Alcatraz island, near San Francisco, serving a thirteen year sentence for desertion, has escaped. He concealed himself in a large wooden box which was consigned to a clothing firm in San Francisco and which was put aboard the steamer McDowell. The top of the box was so arranged with leather straps that it could be opened from the inside. It is thought that after the box was put aboard Holt crawled into it and did not emerge until the vessel reached the dock on this side of the bay. As Holt was dressed in a blue uniform he walked away as any other soldier, without detection.

Indian Scare Over.

Agent Clifford, in charge of the Tongue River Indian agency, Montana, telegraphed Commissioner of Indian Affairs James that he had asked for a cavalry detachment from Fort Keogh on account of trouble at the agency. He said the Rosebud Indians were excited, but gave no details.

Charles Straw, who arrived in Forsyth January 12 from Cheyenne agency at Lame Deer, says yesterday was issued day for the Indians and all appeared at the post except two or three, whom their companions claimed were hunting lost horses in the hills. Everything is quiet at present, and no more trouble is feared.

Abductor Found.

The police of Omaha arrested Charles Lewis as the man who enticed twelve-year-old Zola Couthard away from her home. As soon as Lewis secured the girl's consent to go with him by holding out promises of great rewards, he took her to a lodging house where they occupied separate rooms. Then he left his room and occupied hers, the evidence discloses. The girl tells this story and testimony of physicians corroborates part of the recital at least. Lewis, who is a roustabout in a local resort, will be forced to answer to a statutory charge which may result seriously for him.

Wreck in Oklahoma

A freight train running twenty miles an hour on the O'Keene-Oklahoma branch of the Rock Island road crashed into a work train which was standing on a siding at O'Keene, Okla., and killed Bridge Foreman H. K. Bear of O'Keene and Carpenter E. A. Colby of Galva, Kas. The men in the work car were asleep and were buried under the debris, which caught fire and threatened to roast every one of them. The crew of the freight train and some citizens by herculean efforts saved them.

CAUGHT IN MINE PIT

Ten Men Lose Their Lives at South McAlester I. T.

ALL THE BODIES WERE RECOVERED

Headless Bodies Found on Shore of Pacific Island—Brooklyn Policeman Kills Wife and Mother—Hastings Editor Robbed.

Ten miners lost their lives in the explosion in mine No. 9 of the Milby & Dow Mining company at Dow, I. T. The men who lost their lives were the only persons in the pit. All the bodies were recovered, and, as none were burned, the conclusion is that death was due to after-damp. The explosion did not injure the shaft, which was a new one, and the fire that followed was put out before it did much damage.

The sound of the explosion was heard plainly above ground and rescuers were at work promptly. The explosion occurred at the depth of 240 feet. The machinery was not injured. The mine had not yet been thoroughly opened and it had no fire inspector. Experienced mining men marvel that the gas should have accumulated in sufficient quantities in the new mine to cause such a disastrous explosion.

THE NEW GOLD BILL.

Enormous Increase in Production Given as a Reason for Its Introduction.

Representative Hill of Connecticut presented the majority report from the house committee on coinage weights and measures in favor of the bill providing for the exchangeability of gold and silver coins. The report largely follows that of the last year on the same bill, although Mr. Hill has added much new information as to the world's supply of the precious metals. The report says that the enormous increase of gold production makes it unnecessary to consider the effect of the provisions of the bill making a gradual change in the status of silver dollars and silver certificates, by virtue of which, instead of being a full legal tender, silver will become only a limited legal tender. It says that our stock of gold increased \$479,901,611 in the last five years and owing to the increased gold production in the United States and the reopening of the South African mines will increase still more in the next five years.

The report in conclusion sums up the reasons why the bill, whose chief provisions have been made public heretofore, should be adopted as follows:

First—Because it will stop the further coinage of the legal tender silver dollars.

Second—Because it will increase the volume of subsidiary coin, which is greatly needed—Third Because it will in time reduce the volume of legal tender silver, without loss to the country.

Fourth—Because it will make every legal tender dollar in the United States the equivalent of gold, and make more sure and certain the maintenance of the gold standard as declared by the act of March 14, 1900.

SENTENCE CARRIED OUT

Soldier in the Philippines Executed for a Murder.

The war department has been advised of the execution of Pheneas Foutz, late corporal of Company K, Nineteenth infantry, at Cebu, Philippines on the morning of January 3, 1902. Foutz was convicted of the willful murder of a native girl in the Philippines on November 15, 1900, and was sentenced to be hanged, but escaped from the custody of the military. He was executed immediately after his recapture.

Pheneas Foutz, the Zanesville, O., soldier, whose execution in the Philippines was announced by the war department, was twenty-one years old and an orphan, who led a model life before he entered the army in the war with Spain. While a member of the Tenth Ohio regiment at Camp Meade in 1898, he was subject to homesickness and his comrades declare he was irrational at times. A strong fight was made for clemency by his comrades, Former Adjutant General Axline and Surgeon General Brush of Governor Nash's staff, but Secretary Root held that there was no excuse for clemency, and recommended that the sentence be carried out.

Fatally Burned.

Kate Donahue, a laundry girl employed at the Blaine hotel, at Chadron, Neb., met with a fatal accident. She used kerosene in starting a fire in the kitchen range and had set the can down near by. On lighting a match the gas ignited, burning her clothing and flesh so badly that pieces of it fell from her body. She lived about ten hours.

Lieut. John W. Stark, Virginia state guard, charged with sending obscene matter through the mails to the president of the United States, was arraigned before United States commissioner Flegenheimer. He waived examination and was held for the grand jury, which is to meet in April.

J. P. Withers, who was killed December 31 president of the American National bank, Beaumont, Texas, was arrested by a deputy United States marshal at Kansas City on the charge of forgery, which, it is stated, aggregates \$37,000.

POPE LEO'S SILVER JUBILEE

Movement on Foot For Elaborate Celebration.

A movement for the fitting celebration of the pontifical silver jubilee of Pope Leo XIII, which will take place this year, is now on foot and will take place in all parts of the world. Elaborate preparations for the celebration are now already being made in England and will soon be begun in this country. Copies of the appeal just issued in England have been received at the house of Archbishop Corrigan in New York.

Catholics of this country will found a seminary in order to solve the Spanish friars problem in the Philippines.

As fast as possible young priests will be sent to the Philippines to assume their duties. It is estimated that about 700 missionaries will be needed for this work, there being that number of friars in the island.

Father Elliott of the Paulist society, who for the last two years has been superior of a religious community at Washington, has been relieved of his duties at the capital and will devote all his energies to the collecting of funds for the seminary. The institution will be known as the "seminary for the home and insular missions." At least \$300,000 will be needed and \$150,000 of it has already been promised conditional on the remaining \$150,000 being raised.

INSISTS THEY WERE TRUE

Marconi Tells of Signalling Across the Atlantic.

Sig. Marconi, inventor of the wireless telegraph, has arrived in New York from Canada, where he has been the guest of the dominion government. He will be the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the American institute of electrical engineers.

Signor Marconi described his recent experiments in wireless telegraphy between Newfoundland and Cornwall, England, and said the test letters were received exactly according to prearranged plans, both as to number and speed.

"As soon as I reach the other side," he said, "I shall start to work to get stations in readiness for the transmission of messages, commercial and otherwise, across the Atlantic. There will be two stations on each side, those in Europe being located at Cornwall and Belgium. Those on the American side will be at Nova Scotia and Cape Cod."

TOO MANY WRECKS

Superintendents Send Out Circulars to Employes.

Owing to the series of disastrous wrecks which have occurred within the last six months the general superintendents of many of the railroads centering in Chicago are sending a special circular letter to the employes in the operation of passenger and freight trains. The tenor of the circulars so far issued is the same, and although the letters cannot be considered as reprimands, they are heart to heart talks which will undoubtedly result in extraordinary precautions being observed.

In general the circulars call attention to the wrecks occurring recently and suggest that in the majority of cases an exercise of ordinary precaution and a strict attention to orders and duty would have averted the disasters.

HEADLESS BODIES ON BEACH

People on Pacific Island in a State of Excitement.

The people of Whidby Island, near Port Townsend, Wash., are in a high state of excitement over the finding of another headless body on the beach near Fort Casey.

A short time ago a body was found with the head and hands cut off and the clothing removed, and later another was found with the head severed.

As no residents on the island are missing the mystery increases and the authorities are of the opinion that the murders have been committed at some point up the sound, that the heads have been severed to prevent identification, the bodies cast into the water, and that the tides have landed them on Whidby island.

Ten Million Yen Embezzled.

Mail advices from Seoul, Korea, via Yokohama to the effect that checking of the government receipts from taxes and internal revenue reveals the astonishing fact that not less than 10,000,000 yen have been embezzled by government officials during the last six years.

Ye Yo Kok, minister of finance, advised the emperor to pass sentence of death on all officers who embezzled over 2,000 yen. The emperor's sanction was given over three weeks ago, and wholesale executions will soon take place. Eighty officials are implicated, many of whom have already been arrested.

Among those condemned is Cho Pang Jik, an ex-premier. The officials under arrest claim that the money taken by them was in payment for salaries or expenses incurred in collecting.

Kills Wife and Her Mother.

William H. Ennis, a Brooklyn policeman, shot and killed his wife and her mother, Mrs. Magee, at Mrs. Magee's home. Ennis escaped the policeman had separated from his wife and had refused to support her and she had him arrested recently. He went to door and burst it in. He ran upstairs to his wife's bedroom and fired one shot at her. Her mother, who had heard the uproar, ran to Mrs. Ennis' room. Ennis fired one shot at her and mortally wounded her.