

ENGINE KILLS FOUR

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT NEAR HOLBROOK. FARM WAGON STRUCK BY LOCOMOTIVE

Victims of Disaster Parties to a Family Tragedy of a Few Days Previous—
Two Others Suffered Injuries—
Other News of Importance.

At 7 o'clock Wednesday, Oct. 10, as Mrs. Herman Kielbeck and family were crossing the railroad at the depot at Holbrook in a farm wagon a lone engine going west ran into them. Instantly killing Miss Lizzie Horman, Mrs. Kielbeck and her baby girl and Mrs. Charles Bartenbeck; also seriously injuring the latter's four-year-old boy and eighteen months old baby girl. The latter is not expected to survive. Not a single occupant escaped unhurt. The wagon was smashed into kindling wood and one of the horses killed.

Mrs. Bartenbeck was the wife of Carl Bartenbeck, who was shot and killed near Holbrook by his brother-in-law, Herman Kielbeck.

LIPTON LONGS FOR A RACE

Issues Second Challenge for the American Cup.

Sir Thomas Lipton has sent a challenge to the New York Yacht club for another series of races for the American cup.

He informed a representative of the Associated press that his challenge is on board the White line steamer Germanic, due at New York October 11, and that he prefers that all information as to its contents be first given out by the New York yacht club.

The letter challenging contains a suggestion as to the date of the race, which, it is understood, will be in August.

It is reported that the challenging yacht will be built on the Thames and that she will be named Shamrock. According to rumor, Robert Wringe, one of the commanders of the Shamrock, will command the new racer.

CALLED IN SPECIAL SESSION

Michigan Legislature Gets Down to Business.

The Michigan legislature was called in special session Wednesday, October 10. The governor's message dealt entirely with the consideration of a joint resolution permitting submission to the people at the general election in November of a constitutional amendment authorizing the taxation of railroads and other corporations on the cash value of their property instead of on their earnings, as at present, and the repeal of special charters of the Michigan Central, Lake Shore and Grand Trunk railways. The joint resolution providing for the submission of the desired amendment was introduced in the house and was referred to a committee. The senate after hearing the governor's message, adjourned.

CORN CONDITION CUT DOWN

Prospects Not As Good as a Month Ago—Nebraska All Right.

The monthly report of the statistician for the department of agriculture shows the average condition of corn on October 1 to have been 78.3, as compared with 80.6 last month, 82.7 on October 1, 1899, and 81 the mean of October averages for the last ten years. While the decline during September was not serious, it extended to almost every important corn-growing state, the crops in Ohio, Missouri, Nebraska and Virginia alone holding their own. There was a decline of one point in Indiana, three points in Illinois, Kansas and Texas and four points in Iowa.

INDICTMENTS TO FACE.

Former Illinois Official on Trial for Alleged Forgery.

John W. Wilson of Kinmundy, Ill., whom Governor Tanner removed as a trustee of the incurable insane asylum a year ago for irregularities, and who was subsequently indicted by the grand jury, was placed on trial for forging the name of John S. Readnow of Kinmundy to a receipt for lumber never delivered, whereby he is alleged to have defrauded the state of \$158. There are altogether fifteen indictments against him.

Shoots His Wife by Mistake.
While Nelson Fernstrom was hunting near St. Stephen, Minn., he mistook Mrs. Fernstrom for a wolf and instantly killed her. The woman was out searching for cattle, and climbed upon a strawstack to see if she could locate them. Night was approaching and in the darkness Fernstrom made his fatal mistake.

Elector Withdraws.
S. P. Davidson of Tecumseh, one of the republican presidential electors, has withdrawn from the ticket. He says he is a director of a national bank and he does not care to have his eligibility questioned, and for this reason he withdraws.

Fever in New York.
A New York dispatch says: E. Hertweir, one of the saloon passengers on the steamer Havana, who was transferred to Hoffman island, was taken sick and removed to Swinburne island hospital for treatment. He developed yellow fever.

Flood Danger Over.
The situation along the Mississippi in Wisconsin is greatly improved. The river at LaCrosse is still rising slowly but the high water has spent its force and it is believed will soon begin to fall.

A PITIFUL CASE.

Mrs. Anna Shtato, Aged 85. Found Wandering in a Cornfield.

Mrs. Anna Shtato, a Bohemian woman, eighty-five years of age, was found in a cornfield, near Florence, Neb., and taken to the police station in the ambulance. She had been wandering about the field all night, and attention was attracted to her when she lit a small fire to protect herself from the cold. She was then found by the family of William Ricketts and the sheriff was notified.

According to her story she asked some boys where she could get some corn, and they agreed to show her, and walked her out to the cornfield, where she was found. Arrived there the boys ran off and the poor old woman could not find her way out of the field.

When brought to the station she had a small bucket filled with corn. She could not tell where she lived, but shortly after she was brought in her son called at the station and reported to the police that his mother had not been seen since the day before. She was removed to her home, where she is in a precarious condition as the result of exposure.

SAYS HE KILLED SEVEN.

Pennsylvania Mystery of Years Ago Probably Cleared Up.

The confession of I. W. Keller, who was recently executed at Oklahoma, to effect that he had murdered seven persons, among them being a man at Mansdale, Pa., promises to clear up the mystery of a murder committed in that town twenty-seven years ago. The news has produced the greatest excitement in Mansdale, for the two-fold reason that a murder was committed there which has never been satisfactorily cleared up, and that a man named I. W. Keller lived in the vicinity at the time.

The murder near Mansdale up to the present day is known as "the mystery of the mine." The body of Barney Westdossel was discovered in an abandoned mine. The evidence was plain. Westdossel had been a lieutenant in the Prussian army and was studying for the priesthood.

LEFT OFF WITH LIGHT FINES

Uncle Sam Not Harsh in Carrying Out Census Law.

Information has been received at the census office which shows that forty or fifty persons throughout the United States have been arrested for refusing to reply to questions of the census enumerators. When the bill making an appropriation for the census was passed a penalty clause was embodied in it providing for a fine of not to exceed \$100 in case of anyone refusing to answer questions. While forty or fifty arrests were made, not over half a dozen fines were imposed, and those were not many.

HIGHEST WATER YET KNOWN

Levee Breaks at Portage, Wisconsin, Flooding Wide District.

The levee at Portage, Wis., on the west side of the Wisconsin river, broke at Barrens and everything is under several feet of water. Across the river residents must come to town in boats. When the levee broke the water flowed in a raging current down Baraboo valley, emptying into that stream and through it back to the Wisconsin. The river also overflowed at the northern end of the city.

It is the highest water ever known there. The official gauge shows 11.5 feet, a half foot higher than last spring. Water has covered the tracks on the Madison-Portage branch of the Milwaukee road and traffic is temporarily abandoned.

BOERS LEAVING TRANSVAAL

Many Bound for America, the Others to Holland.

A dispatch from Lourenzo Marques says:

Hundreds of Boers, with their families, are fleeing from the country of their birth to begin life anew in some other country. Most of these have America as their ultimate destination. Two German ships left her last week carrying 1,200 Boers. They were closely followed by two French ships with 950 souls from the Transvaal, mostly women and children. All of these belonged to the better class of Boers and all were bound for Holland.

Found the Loot.

As a result of the arrest of Charles Clark, alias "Kid" Mitchell, on a charge of stealing packages from the wagons of various express companies at Omaha, over \$300 worth of stolen goods have been found by the police. Most of this loot was unearthed in a pawnshop near Tenth and Farnam streets. The pawnbroker who served as a "fence" for Clark was in jail two days before he would admit having the goods in his possession.

Steals Many Diamonds.

While one of two thieves held the attention of a clerk in the jewelry store of Hart, Ramsey & Co., in the Colonial Arcade, at Cleveland, O., the other reached into a showcase, drew out a tray containing diamond rings valued at \$2,000 and escaped with it.

Jumps Into Clusters.

The wife of Rev. Charles Meeder of the Emanuel Evangelical church, near Farmington, Kan., jumped into a cistern with her three-year-old child and both were drowned. Mrs. Meeder had shown signs of insanity.

DROWNED IN RIVER

YOUNG MAN AT NEBRASKA CITY MAKES MISSTEP.

CARRIED AWAY BY SWIFT CURRENT

Unavailing Search Made for the Body—
Vicious Assault on the Superintendent of the Elkhorn—Other News of Importance.

A Nebraska City, Neb., Oct. 11, dispatch says: Marshall C. Little, who was working with other men on the government works on the east side of the river opposite this city, slipped and fell into the river just above a flat boat. The current was very swift and he was swept under the boat and drowned and up to the present time no trace of his body has been seen. He was a young man about twenty-four years old and has been a resident of this city for some years. His parents reside at Hamburg, Iowa, but his mother is here visiting friends.

CANNOT BECOME A CITIZEN.

Naturalization Papers Refused a Colored Man.

Judge Kirkpatrick, in the United States court at Trenton, N. J., refused naturalization papers to Robt. Spaulding, colored. It was refused on the ground that the federal laws permit the naturalization of white males only. Spaulding is a graduate of Howard university, Washington, D. C., and had expected to take up the study of law. His inability to become naturalized will prevent his admission to the bar.

Spaulding said he would appeal the case to Attorney General Griggs. A decision similar to that rendered by Judge Kirkpatrick was given in the state courts this week in the case of a colored man who was born in Nova Scotia.

DESPAIR OF YOUTSEY'S LIFE

The Goebel Suspect in Kentucky May be Dying.

The reports from Henry Youtsey's sick room are not encouraging says a Georgetown, Ky., dispatch. The only change perceptible is that his stupor is not quite so heavy. Once or twice he has lifted his hands an inch or two and in a weak, piping voice repeated: "There's no blood on my hands."

His physicians fear brain fever, which would almost surely prove fatal. It is contended by some that the stupor is caused by heavy doses of opiates, but the majority of people believe he is almost in a dying condition and that his trial cannot be resumed.

GOEBEL LAW WILL REMAIN

Discordant Factions in Kentucky Unable to Agree.

The democratic and republican anti-Goebel factions on the conference committee appointed by the Kentucky legislature to adjust the disagreement over an election bill to take the place of the Goebel law, failed to agree and now the leaders on both sides express the opinion that a new law will not be passed.

GETTING OUT TRANSVAAL

General Buller Bids Farewell to His Troops.

The British forces have reoccupied Smithville, Rouxville Wepener and Dewetsdorp, Orange river colony. General Buller bade farewell to his troops October 6, and departed southward. There was a striking farewell demonstration. The troops gathered on both sides of the road for miles and cheered Buller vociferously.

Reinquishes His Claim.

President Manuel A. San Clements of the republic of Colombia who was deposed from office on July 31, and his place taken by Vice President Jose M. Marroquin, has relinquished his claim to the head of the government, thus making the latter executive. The news has been received in New York by Edward Espino, charge d'affaires and consul general.

Verdict Against Bishop.

At Alma, Neb., Rev. L. J. Harrington received the verdict in the action of Bishop Bonacum vs. L. J. Harrington. The bishop sought to enjoin the pastor from acting in the Orleans mission. It was a hotly contested case. Judge Adams, in giving his decision, rebuked the bishop for his action.

Goes to University of Japan.

Dr. Oscar Leoiw, for two years connected with the agricultural department as expert in physiological chemistry, has resigned to accept a position as lecturer in the agricultural college of imperial university of Tokio Japan.

Killed in a Collision.

A head-end collision between a Colorado and Southern passenger train and a freight occurred near Littleton, ten miles south of Denver. W. J. Watson, engineer of the passenger train, was killed.

Same Relative Gains.

In the pollings in the general election in England, October 11, the ministerialists gained two seats, making their total gains thirty as against twenty-nine for the opposition. The constitution of the new house is as follows: Ministerialists, 374; opposition, 228.

To be a Cardinal.

A dispatch from Rome says: It is asserted that Archbishop Martinelli will be raised to the cardinalate at the next consistory.

ASSAULT SUPERINTENDENT

Discharged Employe Savagely Beats an Elkhorn Official.

A dispatch from Long Pine, Neb., says: C. H. Reynolds, superintendent of the eastern division of the Elkhorn road, was assaulted here by R. E. Rosa a discharged employe of the road. Rosa, who was a brakeman, was discharged several months ago, and was, it is claimed, blacklisted, when he attempted to obtain employment on other roads. Rosa observed Mr. Reynolds standing on the platform when the eastbound passenger came in recently, and walking up to him tapped him on the shoulder. Reynolds turned his head and was met with several terrific blows on the face and jaw. He was knocked to the platform, the fall cutting a gash in his scalp which required several stitches to close. A warrant has been issued for Rosa's arrest, charging him with assault with intent to do great bodily injury. His present whereabouts is unknown. Superintendent Reynolds was rendered unconscious for half an hour, but was finally taken home to Norfolk, the train having been held for his benefit.

DO BIDDING OF GOVERNOR

Michigan Legislature Passes the Pingree Bills.

The special session of the Michigan legislature, which convened at noon October 10 adjourned after dinner on October 12, having passed both measures submitted by Governor Pingree. The joint resolution permitting the submission at the next general election in November of the constitutional amendment and authorizing the taxation of railroad and other corporations on the actual cash valuation, instead of upon the earnings, at present as passed, provides that corporate property shall be assessed on its cash value at the average rate of taxation paid by other property in the state, the board of assessors to determine the average. The bills repealing the special charters of the Michigan Central, Lake Shore and Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee railroads were also passed. The repeals will take effect in December, 1901. The roads may bring suit in the circuit court of Wayne, Kent or Ingham counties for damages sustained.

EXPLOSION ON LOCOMOTIVE

One Man Killed and Several Injured Near Curryville, Mo.

A special telegram from Mexico, Mo., says engine No. 107, while hauling the eastbound passenger train on the Chicago & Alton railroad at the usual speed, exploded near Curryville, about thirty miles east of Mexico, and was blown almost to atoms. John Mason, colored porter, of Eodhouse, Ill., had his head cut off.

Engineer Patrick Marley and Fireman Crawford Wheeler, both of Slater, Mo., were badly burned about the head and legs, and Mrs. William Glasscock of Hannibal, Mo., W. Eckler, of Kansas City, Dr. J. J. Kincaid of Bowling Green, Mo., and a colored porter named Lindsey were more or less hurt. Fifty yards of the track was torn up and trains delayed for several hours. It is not known what caused the explosion.

WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Act Prompted by Report That Her Husband Had Done the Same.

A Chicago dispatch says: Mrs. Philip Hardy, wife of a former London business man, was found dead in her apartments at 1220 Wabash avenue with a bullet hole in her heart. On the floor near her was a magnificent chased snoling pistol, with which she had shot herself. Letters written by the dead woman showed that she had committed suicide under the belief that her husband had committed suicide in New York city following a recent quarrel with his wife. Mrs. Hardy had made careful preparations for her death, and even the letters she left to her mother and others were written on mourning paper.

JUDGE GORDON SUSPENDED

Police Magistrate of Omaha Accused of Malfeasance.

Police Magistrate S. I. Gordon of Omaha was suspended by an order issued by Judge Benjamin Baker of the district court, pending an investigation of charges contained in the articles of impeachment preferred by the city council.

At a special meeting of that body the action of Judge Baker was ratified. Meantime Justice William R. Learn will act as police judge. City Attorney Connell, who prepared the papers in the impeachment case, is of the opinion that abundant proof of incompetency and malfeasance in office can be produced at the trial to insure conviction.

Schreiber Reported Captured.

A special from Summit, N. J., says: "It is reported here on the best of authority that William Schreiber, the clerk who secured the money of the Elizabethport bank, was captured at New Providence by Detective Kelly of Summit."

DECIDES ON JUSTICE GREY

Will Be Harrison's Colleague on The Hague Tribunal.

It is understood the president has selected Judge George Gray of Delaware to represent the United States with ex-President Benjamin Harrison on The Hague permanent arbitration tribunal. Judge Gray is a former senator from Delaware and a democrat. He was a member of the Paris peace commission and is now a United States judge. His selection will not include the surrender of that position.

HOLMES ACTS QUEER

IS HELD ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

THINKS HE IS ACCUSED OF MURDER

Officers In Doubt as to Whether Prisoner is Shamming or Not—Refuses to Partake of Food and Declares He "Didn't Kill Ollie."

Charles E. Holmes, who is confined in the county jail at Plattsmouth awaiting trial in the district court upon the charge of stealing brass from the Burlington Railroad company, has for several days past been exhibiting signs of insanity. He lies upon the floor of his cell and refuses to partake of food, calling out frequently, that he "did not kill Ollie." The Ollie referred to, is supposed to be Ollie Orr, the young woman with whom Holmes lived, prior to his arrest. A physician was called in to examine the prisoner, when the latter threw his arms around the doctor's neck, saying, "here's Ollie, I did not kill her." Holmes' brother who resides in South Omaha, has been sent for and replied that he would come to Plattsmouth as soon as possible. The officers cannot tell whether Holmes is shamming or not.

AUCTION SALES OF LOOT

Allied Troops Plunder Chinese Residences of All Kinds of Valuables.

Auction sales take place at the British legation at Peking, China, every afternoon, of loot turned in by the troops, but the prices are high, fetching sometimes more than the things are usually sold for in the stores in normal times. Major Waller has in his possession a vast amount of stuff, a large portion of which has been taken from looters. General Chaffee has not yet decided with regard to its disposition, but it will probably be sold at auction.

American soldiers have not been officially allowed to loot, but only to forage, which means that parties have gone out daily over the American quarter and collected the things needed by the troops, such as bedding, furniture for camp use, etc. Most of the soldiers on the march to Peking threw away their blankets and other impediments, which rendered the march under a broiling sun unbearable. At night now they would suffer from cold if they had not been allowed to commandeer the necessary covering. It is only human among soldiers that they should pick robes of ermine, gray foxes and other warm furs, rather than those of a coarser and uglier appearance. Some of the most persistent looters have been the missionaries. Recently meeting one with five cartloads of furs and antique furniture, Major Waller asked the missionary what right he had taken the things, and to his astonishment was told by permission of Major Waller. He informed the missionary that he was mistaken, for he himself was Major Waller and he should confiscate it.

The general consensus of opinion of the American and British ministers and generals is that seldom, if ever, in the history of the world has any city been more completely looted and gutted than Peking, and it is mainly due to the interference of General Chaffee and the British general, Gazelee, that the sacred city itself has not suffered the same fate.

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DIES BY HER OWN HAND.

Requests Former Lover to Bury Her in a Pine Box.

"Bury me in a pine box," was the message written by Della McMahon, alias Lorene Smith, to Hugh Tiffany of Denver before she took a fatal dose of arsenic. She wrote this to her former lover while at the resort of Josie Washburn on South Ninth street, Lincoln, where she had been for two weeks. In the spring she stayed a short time at the Washburn place. She had been in poor health recently. The poison was taken after she had received her lover's letter casting her off and returning her photograph. She got the drug at Johnson's store under the pretense of using it for rat poison. She wrote a letter directed to Hugh Tiffany, 2427 Sixteenth street, Denver, got the poison and one hour later took a fatal dose. A physician was called and after a night of suffering the girl died. Her body was taken to E. T. Roberts' undertaking rooms on P street, where it remains awaiting the directions of friends and relatives.

Bellevue Postoffice Robbed.

Robbers entered the postoffice at Bellevue and blew open the safe. They secured all the stamps and postal funds in the safe and also about \$30 belonging to Oscar Kayser, the postmaster. No goods were taken from the store. In blowing open the safe the robbers went to unnecessary trouble, as it was not locked and could have been opened by simply turning the knob. Mr. Kayser generally sleeps in the store in which the postoffice is located, but not feeling well went home to spend the night. There is no clue as to who the robbers are, as no suspicious looking characters were seen around the town the night or day before.

Robbed of Passage Money.

A Marietta, O. dispatch says: John Koepke, a Russian Pole, a passenger on the east-bound Baltimore & Ohio train, was robbed in a coach east of Athens by three masked men. The work was quick and the robbers escaped. Koepke has been in America a year and worked in the coal mines at Corning. He had earned \$100 and was going to his family at Bremen, Germany. He is left without a cent. He was compelled to deliver his money. No other passengers were disturbed.

Puts Premium on Old Males.

The will of J. B. Clayton, the son of the late member of parliament of that name, has just been probated at London. By it he leaves his two daughters a fortune of \$144,000 with the curious provision that the money is only to be payable if they attain the age of twenty-five years without marriage.

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