

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE.

THIRTEENTH YEAR.

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NO. 62.

THE BOTTOM BLOWN OUT.

Sudden Collapse of a Floating Coffin in North River, New York.

An Unknown Number Blown Up and Out or Gathered Into the Whirlpool.

Two Bodies Recovered and Several Scalded and Maimed Turned Over to the Doctors.

The Top and Bottom Blown to Pieces and the Sides Disappeared Under Water.

New York, August 28.—At about ten minutes to four this afternoon people who were in the neighborhood of the foot of Furcraux street and North River were startled by the sound of an explosion coming from the direction of the river. Looking out in midstream they saw the hull of the steamer Riverdale enveloped in steam. In less than six minutes she keeled to the side and capsized opposite Sixteenth street, she having floated that far. Instantly about fifteen different tugs steamed from this city and Hoboken to where the sunken vessel lay. There were over 100 passengers on board of the Riverdale when she left the foot of Harrison street for Haverstraw. Some of these were

hurled into the air and then fell back into the water, and others were compelled to jump into the river to escape the hissing steam that had filled all parts of the vessel, or to avoid going down with her. The cause of the disaster was the explosion of the boiler which was placed amidships. When the boiler burst the air was filled with flying debris and broken work. The pilot house snapped like a pipestem and tumbled over into the water. About

fifty people lost their lives, some being blown into eternity, and others met their death by being drawn down with the whirlpool, caused by the sinking of the vessel. Those who were floating or swimming along in the river were picked up by the tugs and row boats that came to the rescue. Three dead bodies were also brought in by the boats. Mrs. Sisson, of Tarrytown, N. Y., an unknown man, whose body was taken to the morgue and a boy whose identity has not been ascertained, was also taken to the morgue.

Howard Gardner, the Evangelist, of York, N. Y., taken to the New York hospital. John Moran, deck hand, of Williamsburg, N. Y., legs and side crushed; taken to the N. Y. hospital. Thomas J. Saul, passenger, Brooklyn, scalded; taken to the N. Y. hospital. D. H. Jennings, passenger, Brooklyn, face and hands burned; taken to N. Y. hospital. John Salzar, mate of the vessel, left thigh badly crushed; taken to the New York hospital.

John Gifer, this city, aged 24 years, badly scalded, in an extremely critical condition; taken to the New York hospital. George A. Dimes, fireman, of the boat, badly scalded; taken to the New York hospital.

The foremen of several engine and hook and ladder companies stationed nearest to the scene of the disaster were called out, without their apparatus, however, and did good service, as did also members of the steamboat club. Policeman Michael Killila, of Charles street station, was the first to help the wounded fireman, George A. Dimes, on shore from the boat at the foot of Twelfth street. "I never saw a man in such suffering," said the officer, "and I hope I may not witness such another sight again. The poor fellow returned and his flesh was peeling off in blisters. I called at once an ambulance driver nearest me and had the unfortunate man sent to St. Vincent hospital. I then went in search of other injured persons and when I came to the foot of Fourteenth street I saw a man pulling rapidly to the wharf. His boat contained a woman whose legs were evidently broken. She must have been crushed by falling timbers while sitting on the deck and then blown overboard."

Of the passengers aboard the Riverdale some were blown up with the explosion, but from the best accounts obtainable the number was small, as there were few in the cabin at the time. No exact idea can at present be gained as to the number of lives lost. Accounts of the number of passengers vary from 50 to 200 and of the killed from 10 to 50. The most trustworthy accounts place the number of killed from 4 to 6. There is reason to believe that nearly all had a chance to escape when the explosion occurred. The engineer was about entering the engine room to stop up, as another steambot was at their landing, when the ominous rumbling was heard, proceeding from the boiler, and in a moment a terrible explosion occurred, blowing out the entire inside of the vessel, leaving only a helpless sinking hull. The force of the explosion was downward, the apparent rapidity with which the vessel sank showing the bottom was blown out. Hardly a minute elapsed between the explosion and sinking of the shattered hull in the whirlpool into which the struggling swimmers were driven. The river was strewn with wreckage. A policeman who was standing at the foot of Blooming street had his attention attracted by the sound of

escaping steam. Looking out on the river he saw the Riverdale going up stream partly enveloped in steam that escaped with a loud roar from her side. He saw people rush from the lower to the upper deck and make ready to throw themselves into the river. The next minute the explosion came. "The Reliance," a coal far boat, was near the Riverdale when the blow up, and immediately began the work of rescuing the drowning people. Her crew drew nearly 40 from the water. Others straggled and tug hastened to the scene, and so quickly did they reach it that it is thought none of those who escaped injury by the explosion had time to drown. The rescued were taken ashore, and sent to their homes. The injured and dead were taken to the foot of West Thirtieth street, where the entire ambulance force of the city had been summoned. The following is a list of those known to be

KILLED OR INJURED. Mrs. John Sisson, aged 68, of Tarrytown, drowned; body recovered. Thomas Gregg, aged 82, this city; body

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Graphic Description of Hite's "Wake" and the Burial at Midnight.

An Indianapolis Suit at Law Transferred to the Supreme Court With a Shotgun.

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SPORTING NOTES. Another Victory for the Omaha Boys.

Special dispatch to THE BEE. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., August 28.—The Union Pacific base ball club had an easy victory over the Cedar Rapids club here to-day. It was a pitchers game, the outfielders having nothing to do. The Omaha boys scored two each in the fourth, sixth and eighth innings, a total of six, while the home club stole a tally in the fourth. Salisbury was again at his best, and fourteen died at the home plate. Baker supported Salisbury splendidly. The batting was light on both sides. The Omaha boys made eight hits, the Cedar Rapids two. Errors, Omahas, four; Cedar Rapids, five.

OTHER GAMES. BOSTON, August 28.—Boston 14, Providence 1.

NEW YORK, August 28.—New York 9, Boston 3.

TOLDO, August 28.—Game postponed on account of rain.

MONMOUTH PARK RACES. MONMOUTH PARK, August 28.—Mile and a furlong, Catamount won, Breeze second, Pizazz third; time 1:56.

Three-quarters of a mile for two-year-olds, Turk won, Water Lily second, Laura Gould third; time 1:17.

Monmouth stakes, mile and a half, Eole won, Mary Kinney second, Monitor third; time 2:30.

Mile and a furlong, Bootjack won, Giffa second, Prime third; time 2:11.

Three-fourths of a mile, Vigil Friday (Gley) won, Cheerful second, Battledore third; time 1:16.

Steeple chase, full course, Capt. York won, Junipola second, Major Wheeler third; time 1:45.

BRIGHTON BEACH RACES. BRIGHTON BEACH, August 28.—One mile, Brunwick won, Henry B. second, Waco third; time 1:46.

Three-quarters of a mile, Electrifier won, Zampas second, Verzenary third; time 1:23.

Three-quarters of a mile, Peerless won, Calderon second, Mary Lewis third; time 1:15.

Mile and a quarter, all ages, Hilicity won, King Swift second, Wyandotte third; time 2:12.

Seven furlongs, three-year-olds, Centennial won, Retort second, Laura B. third; time 1:30.

Mile and one furlong, four-year-olds, George Hokes won, Flanders second, Lord Edward third; time 1:57.

A COMPLETE SURRENDER.

The Southwestern Pool "Graciously" Concedes the Rights of Shippers.

CHICAGO, August 28.—It is given out here on good authority that the Southwestern pool association will not contest the suit of the Boston sugar refinery, but will testify to the question whether the railway people have the right to divert freight from the road to wharves is specially consigned by shippers. The Boston company tendered certain freight to the Rock Island road, but the commissioners of the pool said the freight would have to go over another line in order to get to the wharf. The refinery, in the process of evading the business of all the pool roads. Under the pressure of the suit, the Boston company has been allowed to have its way without dispute, and freight has gone over the road indicated. This is accepted as a confession that the pool managers realize that they have no standing in the suit in question. Namely, that the railway, as a common carrier, is bound to accept all freight tendered in spite of any pool regulations.

AIRING ARISTOCRACY.

A Delegation of Britishers to Witness the Opening of the Northern Pacific.

NEW YORK, August 28.—The English contingent of Henry Villard's party to witness the opening ceremonies of the Northern Pacific road, includes Prof. James Bryce, Hon. Albert Grey, Albert Peel, Samuel Rathburn, Henry B. Saul, J. H. Puleston, Horace Davey, and Henry Edwards, all members of the British parliament; Sir Wm. B. Guerdon, of her majesty's treasury; H. H. Gibbs, governor of the Bank of England; Right Hon. Sir Arthur Hallhouse, Earl Dalhousie, and Countess of Onslow, Lord Justice Bowen and Lord Carrington. The guests were shown the city this afternoon. The party of Germans left for Niagara Falls this evening.

KINNG GET THERE?

The Mouthpiece of Iowa Democracy at Dubuque.

Dubuque, Iowa, August 28.—Hon. L. G. Kinne, democratic candidate for governor, made a speech at the court house this evening to a packed house. He discussed mainly the tariff and prohibition questions. After the meeting he addressed an overflow meeting in front of the building, those who had been unable to gain admittance to the hall. He goes from here to Independence, where the first of the series of joint discussions between him and Gov. Sherman will be held to-morrow.

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CRIMINAL RECORD. THE JAMES TRIAL.

St. Louis, August 28.—The Frank James trial was resumed this morning. The defense asked permission to introduce specifications against Witness Mrs. Bolton, with a view to attack her credibility. The intention was to open up with the murder of Wood Hite at the Ford house, for which Ladd is now under indictment, and of which Mrs. Bolton and Capt. Ford were witnesses. The court decided Mrs. Bolton could be recalled and examined, not as to the killing, but as to what she told the neighbors, who called upon her on Sunday, December 5, 1881, and at dinner, while the lifeless body of Hite was up stairs. Mrs. Bolton testified that Wood Hite was killed in the dining room and the body was taken up stairs. The cross examination failed to bring out anything definite as to the killing or burial of Hite's body in an old spring in the pasture. She either purged out a refusal to answer or else could not remember.

Captain Ford was next called and examined as to the burial of Hite's body. Ida Bolton, aged 14, daughter of Mrs. Bolton, was the next witness. She was present at the killing of Wood Hite, but witness was not permitted to say who did it. She narrated the details of the burial of the body and cleaning of the room. Her mother did the latter. This was an uncontroverted fact.

Willie Bolton, sixteen years old, was the last witness for the state. This morning he positively identified Frank James as the associate of Liddell, Jesse James and the two Hites. Witness description of the burial of Hite was graphic and thrilling. Capt. Ford, Bob Ford, and Willie Ford undressed the body where it had lain on the floor at night, wrapped in a horse blanket. They then took it out and buried it in the pasture. On cross-examination witness admitted having said that although he did not know Ladd and Frank James in person he intended to swear to it anyhow.

James T. Hughes and J. F. Ford gave unimportant testimony. Recess.

James Mallory, a farmer living eight miles from Galatin, testified that on Thursday before the Winston robbery he saw Frank James at Potts' blacksmith shop, where he was having a horse shod. Witness had a discussion with James concerning the assassination of President Garfield. James told witness he was living in Caldwell county. James Potts, the blacksmith, who owned the horse referred to by Mallory, testified he believed he had seen the prisoner in his shop the latter part of June, 1881, and he was there again on the 13th or 14th of July. On both occasions witness saw a horse for the prisoner and another man whose he recognized as Dick Liddell. Witness was cross-examined at length as to the identification of the prisoner, but seemed certain on the point. On re-direct examination witness stated that when having his horse shod, Frank James gave him name as Green. Cooper, a cattle dealer of Ray county, Wash. Whitson, a farmer, testified, corroborating Potts' statement, he having been at the blacksmith shop when the horse was shod the morning before the Winston robbery. Mrs. Potts corroborated her husband's statement and identified the prisoner as one of the men who breakfasted at her house the day before the Winston robbery. Frank R. O'Neil, reporter of The Missouri Republican, testified to having an interview with Frank James in Missouri a week before the latter surrendered. He rehearsed some of this interview as to where Frank James lived while in Tennessee, what he did, when and why he left there, etc. Circuit Attorney Hamilton then asked witness where the interview occurred, to which witness replied he preferred not to answer. Witness was asked who was present at the interview. He replied "Frank James' wife." "Who else was present?" was asked. Witness stated he felt under obligation not to answer. The court said he must answer. Witness explained he was under a pledge not to name the other persons present. The court said he must answer the question if it were insisted on, but gave him until to-morrow to do so. Hamilton then asked where the interview was held and whether the persons then present were in the list of witnesses summoned in the case. Both these questions Hamilton insisted must be answered to-morrow. Adjourned.

MURDER AND SUICIDE. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 28.—Jacob Oldenbarger and Jacob Bush had a lawsuit, this morning in the justice court, which was decided in the latter's favor. Meeting Bush on the street about 1 o'clock, Oldenbarger drew a pistol and fired, killing Bush instantly. Turning from Bush, he shot Samuel Campbell, who was passing at the time, probably by mistake. He then crossed the street, and putting the pistol to his own head, shot himself dead. It is probable the shooting of Campbell was accidental, as he was in no way connected with the suit.

A RAILROAD EMBEZZLER. TRENTON, N. J., August 28.—The Times states that Captain John J. Hall, the alleged defaulting controller of the Pennsylvania railroad, was seen at Denver, Colorado, Wednesday last, by a friend, and that he told the latter he was on his way to New Mexico. Further investigation shows Hall's indebtedness is even greater than at first supposed. The Pennsylvania railroad officials are unable to estimate the loss as yet.

THE TRIAL OF YOUNG NUTT. PITTSBURG, August 28.—The trial of James Nutt, the slayer of Lyman Drake,

THE OLD WORLD.

The Spanish Ministry, Divided Against Itself, Finally Falls.

The Slayer of Informer Carey Shipped to England for Trial.

The Annam Treaty—Riots in Hungary—The Uncovered Kings Placard Paris—Other Matters.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS. O'DONNELL'S TRIAL.

LONDON, August 28.—The crown will demand that O'Donnell, who killed James Carey, be removed to England, by a warrant issued by the Governor of Cape Colony, under section 35, of the Imperial fugitive offenders act of 1881. The supreme court of Capetown rejected the appeal of O'Donnell to be tried here. O'Donnell sailed for England to-day.

ALFONSO AND FRANCE. The Daily News correspondent, at Madrid, says the ministers, who opposed King Alfonso's visit to Germany, argue it would be more politic for the king to surrender the idea, because of the unfavorable France would take if he carried it out.

SAID FOR CHOLERA VICTIMS. The Egyptian minister of the interior has started a fund for the relief of victims of cholera. Large sums are promised. The English troops in Egypt will subscribe one day's pay.

THE SPAIN'S PRINCE. The Paris Gaulois says it hears that Prince Jerome Napoleon intends to publish a manifesto to be issued coincident with the funeral of Chambord.

RUSSIA'S WHEAT CROP. Official estimates of wheat and other crops of Russia show the yield to be generally satisfactory.

Twelve deaths from cholera in Alexandria yesterday.

A RUMORED REVOLUTION. A correspondent at Hong Kong says it is rumored that a revolution has broken out at Hue.

MORNING. The Emperor William and other sovereigns have sent telegrams of condolence to Count de Chambord. Emperor Francis Joseph will personally tender his condolence to the deceased. The Berlin court will go into mourning for one day.

COMBING AGAINST AUSTRIA. The Sultan pressed Prince Nikita, the Montenegrin ruler, to prolong his visit at Constantinople. The impression is gaining ground that it is the intention of Montenegro to oppose any further advance of Austria into Turkey.

A BATTLE WITH BRIGANDS. An encounter has taken place between brigands and police near Calanzano, in the province of the same name, Italy. Chief Ikrea and one policeman were killed and two wounded.

ANOTHER CONSPIRACY. Three bakers were arrested in Cork charged with concealing arms. They were remanded for a week. A rifle, revolver and an infernal machine, the latter identical with the machine found in possession of Deany, one of the principal dynamite conspirators, were discovered on the premises where the prisoners worked.

THE SPANISH MINISTRY. A dispatch from Madrid says: Prime Minister Sagasta will to-day tender to King Alfonso the resignation of the cabinet.

Prime Minister Sagasta to-day tendered King Alfonso the resignation of the ministry. Sagasta informed the king of the divergence of opinion in the cabinet relative to suspension of constitutional guarantees and the king's proposed visit to Germany. The king postponed his final resolution concerning the ministry until his return from Carmona.

THE BOHEMIAN INFORMER. James McDermott, charged with having been connected with the dynamite conspiracy, was brought into court in Liverpool for examination to-day. It was shown that the prisoner was connected with the conspirator, Featherstone, recently convicted, and that the card of the latter, introducing McDermott to Dalton, another conspirator, was stitched to the collar of a dress coat which was found in McDermott's box.

THE ANNAM TREATY. The emperor of Annam has not yet accepted the treaty submitted to him by Hamond, the French civil commissioner, but will probably accept it, in addition to the conditions before announced. The treaty requires guarantees that the French protectorate be recognized over all Annam. The success of the French in Annam has rendered China more hostile to them. Chinese troops continue to arrive on the Yui Nat frontier. General Thebaudin, French minister, has returned from a tour of inspection of the fortresses on the eastern frontier. He will shortly proceed to the Alpine frontier to examine the fortresses.

PLACARDS APPEARED in various quarters of Paris to-day inviting citizens to rally to the support of the monarchy under Louis Philippe II. The placards were destroyed by the police.

Several flour and corn mills were burned at Toulouse. Damages 2,000,000 francs.

THE ALEXANDRIA ASSASSIN. The court-martial, trying soldiers who participated in the massacres in Alexandria last year, has sentenced thirteen culprits, charged with having organized the massacres, to be hanged opposite the police station; two to twelve years and six to five years penal servitude.

The French after taking Hardong, pursued the Anamites three days. They also seized the village of Phubins.

Monday there were 165 deaths from cholera in Upper Egypt, six in Lower Egypt. The steamer George has started from Anarchel to seek the Dutch Polar vessel Yarna, for the discovery of which a reward of £2,800 is offered.

RACE RIOTS IN HUNGARY. A large band of peasants armed with

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ANOTHER FEVER VICTIM. Commodore English received the following telegram from Lieutenant Commander Welsh, at Pensacola this morning: "One new case yesterday, the second daughter of Mrs. Owen. One death, Mrs. Owen."

RAILWAY POSTOFFICE SERVICE ON THE Northern Pacific railroad has been ordered between Missoula and Helena, Montana, to take effect the 2nd inst. This will make continuous railroad postoffice service via the Northern Pacific railroad from St. Paul to Portland, a distance of 1920 miles.

THERE INCREASE OF POSTOFFICES. There are now 48,084 postoffices in the United States, of which number 1174 are presidential and 6273 money order offices. Since the year 1876 the number of postoffices have increased 40 per cent.

CANCELLED NOTES. Investigation of the facts connected with the loss of \$1,000 national bank notes in the treasury department, shows that the notes had been connected with the loss to the finder, and no loss could in any event have occurred to the department. The loss is purely accidental and no blame can be attached to any clerk or employee of the treasury.

A PENSION SWINDLER. Another case of alleged attempted swindling in pension claims was brought to light to-day by the arrest of Gould P. Austin, a discharged clerk in the pension office, who it is said has been writing to applicants for pensions, representing himself as still connected with the department, and liable to secure favorable action on their claims. A quantity of official papers and a mass of correspondence was found in his room when arrested. He was held \$1,500 bail to appear in court. The specific charge against him is the correspondence described with Mrs. Helen R. Richardson, at Tecumseh, Mich.

THE WORLD'S ARBITRATION LEAGUE. At a meeting of the World's Arbitration League here to-night resolutions were adopted favoring holding a world's exposition of art and industry at the capital of the United States in 1892, the fourth centennial of the discovery of America, recommending it be held in connection with a representative congress of nations for discussion of questions affecting the material and social relations of the human race. It has been decided to appoint a committee of seven members of the league to wait upon the president and request him to take into consideration the propriety of recommending to the next congress some legislation looking to successful attainments of the ends contemplated.

THE MERCHANTS POOL. Chicago Shippers Organize Against Railroad Discrimination.

CHICAGO, August 28.—About a week ago the merchants of the city appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws for an organization to be known as "The Chicago Freight Bureau." The drafting committee to-day reported to the sub-committee and the latter have called a general meeting of merchants and shippers for Thursday next to consider and ratify the constitution and perfect the organization. The constitution submitted provides for a general manager and president, the former to be a salaried officer. The organization is purely local and for the purpose of obtaining uniform freight rates for its members. It is estimated that all of the large wholesale and manufacturing interests of Chicago are members. The prime movers in the organizing bureau are said to be the well known houses of Marshall, Field, John V. Farwell & Co., and Franklin McVeagh & Co. It is claimed the railroads have been discriminating in favor of certain shippers. This bureau will hereafter render such discrimination impossible.

St. Paul Will Celebrate. St. Paul, August 28.—Arrangements for the celebration of the opening of the Northern Pacific road next Monday is now complete. Henry Villard and his party of 400 guests will arrive in the city next Saturday night, going direct to Lake Minnetonka where they will remain until Monday morning as the guests of the city of St. Paul. Then the party returns to St. Paul and visit the grand procession, illustrating the various trades and commercial industries along the great road. President Arthur and party will probably be present, as they will pass through this city about that time. Monday night a grand banquet will be given the city's guests at the Lafayette hotel. Eight hundred plates will be laid. The invitations to the banquet, issued by the mayor and city council of St. Paul, are elaborately gotten up. After the banquet the party will leave for Portland in three special trains. The estimated cost of the celebration is \$75,000.

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