

# HORROR IN DENVER.

## TWENTY LIVES LOST BY AN EXPLOSION.

Boiler Explosion in the Rear Part of the Gurney House—Fire Adds to the Horror—Many Rescued From the Wounds—Due to an Intoxicated Engineer.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 20.—About 12:10 o'clock this morning a terrific explosion occurred in the rear of the Gurney hotel, 1725 to 1733 Lawrence street, a five-story brick and stone structure, in which were between forty and fifty people, most of them asleep. The building was almost completely wrecked and surrounding buildings were badly damaged.

The fire department and many volunteers were soon on the scene and in half an hour five persons who had occupied upper rooms were taken out more or less injured. Then the ruins caught fire and firemen and others who were trying to rescue those buried under the debris were forced to retreat while cries and moans were heard issuing from the midst of the ruins.

To add to the excitement, a hose team ran away and several persons were trampled upon and injured. Live electric light wires were also a constant source of peril for a time.

When the firemen were driven back by the flames they had almost completed the rescue of two women and two men, but nothing more could be done and soon all four were beyond all hope.

All night long, the firemen poured water on the burning debris and as soon as the flames were driven away from one section, the work of rescue was resumed.

Joe Munal of Cairo, Ill., was rescued at 2:30 o'clock, after an hour's work, and is in a hospital, that no more of the victims can be alive. Police Surgeon Jarecki took his place where he could keep Munal's head moist and properly attend to him while his lower limbs were being extricated. It was a position of great danger for all, on account of the flames and the overhanging roof, which threatened to come down at any moment. But the men worked on hauling at beams with ropes and using every device to clear the space around the suffering man, who bore his agony with great bravery and cheered on his helpers. At last about 2:30 o'clock a great cheer arose and word was spread among the great crowd waiting outside that the work was finished. Soon firemen and citizens appeared at the entrance bearing Munal on a stretcher. He was conscious but suffering great agony, and the physicians expressed little hope for his ultimate revival. When he revived, he said: "I am a cigar-maker and have been in the city for a week, having come here from Cairo, Ill. I was upstairs in bed when I heard an awful crash. I did not know what it was and got out of bed and hurried out, and on going down stairs I must have lost my way, for when I got down on what I thought was the ground floor, I fell down into the basement."

### THE DEAD AND THE MISSING.

At 10 o'clock the fire in the ruins had been extinguished, and the search for the dead was begun. A large force of men and teams being engaged in hauling away the debris. At 11 o'clock one body, which was not identified, had been removed and several more were in sight.

The dead so far as ascertained are as follows:

- Peter Gurney, owner of the hotel.
- R. C. Greiner, manager of the hotel, son-in-law of Peter Gurney.
- Mrs. R. C. Greiner, clerk of the hotel, daughter of Peter Gurney.
- General Charles Adams, Manitou, Col.
- A. L. Blake, Pueblo, Col.
- Myron E. Hawley, Union Pacific railroad clerk, Denver.
- James Murphy, contractor, Denver.
- George Burt, passenger conductor on the Rock Island railroad, Colorado Springs.
- Mrs. Wolf and daughter.
- Two chambermaids, names unknown.
- One bell boy, name unknown.

In addition to the dead, there are the following missing:

- Greiner, father of R. C. Greiner, manager of the hotel.
- Bad Burnes, Colorado Springs.
- W. J. Carson, Pueblo.
- F. French, Central City.
- Bert I. Larsh, Central City.
- E. F. McCloskey, Canon City.
- Judge Glenn, Leadville.

The whole rear half of the hotel was blown to atoms and the front portions are merely shattered and burned fragments of a house.

There is no doubt that the wreck was caused by a boiler explosion. Frank Loescher, the engineer, it is said, was intoxicated, and after turning a large quantity of cold water into the hot boilers left the building ten minutes before the explosion occurred. The police are looking for him. R. E. Irwin, the night clerk, says Loescher, who was only 17 years old, was drunk when he went on duty, and that he was in the habit of neglecting his duty.

The Gurney was a five-story building valued at \$30,000, and had been used as a hotel since 1888, when it was rebuilt after a fire in which one life was lost. It was of the better kind of second class European hotels, catering largely to transient family patronage. It was built as the Eden Muehle by the widow of General Tom Thumb, and was so occupied. Afterward it was remodelled for use as a hotel. Gurney and Greiner had owned it for several years. No meals were served in the hotel.

At Rockaway Beach, N. Y., the Ocean View hotel was burned. The hotel was in their night clothes.

# PITTSBURG STORM-SWEPT.

## A Fierce Gale Visits the Town Doing Great Damage.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 20.—A fierce wind and rain storm swept down on this city last night without warning at a time when the parks were filled with people and the rivers with boats crowded with excursionists. As far as known two women and one man were drowned, a score of persons were injured, two, it is thought, fatally, and property damaged to the extent of \$100,000.

So tremendous was the force of the tornado that the steamers Lud Keefe, Little Bill and Arlington were overturned and many barges, coal boats and small craft torn from their moorings and sent adrift. The passenger barge Dakota was forced against the Smithfield street bridge and the side crushed in. She sank in several feet of water.

When the storm struck the Keefe Captain Keefe, Mate Miller, Millie Lindbaum, the cook, and two colored chambermaids were on board, but all reached the shore in safety except Millie Lindbaum, who became exhausted and was drowned.

The steamer Courier, with 400 passengers on board, was swept with water and the passengers became panic stricken, but Captain Klein succeeded in making a landing at Painter's Mills and all left the boat in safety.

While the wind was at its highest an unknown woman attempted to cross the Point bridge. She was caught in a whirlwind and blown into the river and drowned.

Archibald Sepbie was blown into the river and drowned while trying to tighten the lines of some coal barges in the West end. He was married and had a large family.

On Second avenue a feed wire was broken and in attempting to repair it Conductor Adams was fatally shocked.

On the South side the large grain elevator of Henderson & Johnson, in course of construction, was almost completely demolished. The heavy iron girders fell on a row of tenements and crushed them, but fortunately the occupants were away from home.

Two freight cars on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie road were lifted from the tracks and blown into the Monongahela river and portions of the Monongahela and Castle Shannon inclines were carried away by the wind and demolished.

On the north side of Allegheny city great damage was done to small buildings and trees were uprooted in the parks, but as far as reported no persons were seriously injured.

### TWO NOTABLE DEATHS.

Ex-Justice Strong and Leonard W. Volk Pass Away.

LAKE MINNEWASKA, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Ex-Associate Justice Strong of the United States supreme court, died here at ten minutes past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Justice Strong was born at Somers, Conn., May 6, 1808, of an old New England family of note. In 1846 he was elected to congress as a Democrat. In 1848 he was re-elected, but in 1850 he declined a third term. In 1857 he was elected a justice of the Pennsylvania supreme court and served for eleven years, attaining a high reputation as a jurist. At one time he was prominently mentioned for chief justice of the United States supreme court. In 1868 he retired from the bench and returned to the practice of law in Philadelphia, but in 1870 he was appointed by President Grant as a member of the United States supreme court, an honor he esteemed most deeply. His opinions were always held most highly. In 1877 he was a member of the Electoral commission and was one of those who opposed congressional canvass of state elections. He retired in 1880 on account of age, but since then had delivered many addresses and lectures and been prominent in religious work.

### LEONARD W. VOLK DEAD.

The Eminent Chicago Sculptor Passes Away Suddenly—His Noted Works.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Leonard W. Volk, the eminent sculptor, died suddenly at his summer home at Osceola, Wis., yesterday. He was born in Wells, Hamilton county, N. Y., November 7, 1828. In 1860 he executed a portrait-bust of Abraham Lincoln, which was destroyed in the fire of 1871. His principal works were the Douglas monument in Chicago, several soldiers' monuments, the statuette for the Kelp mausoleum in Watertown, N. Y., life-size statues of Lincoln and Douglas in the Illinois state house, and portrait-busts of Henry Clay, Zachariah Chandler, David Davis, Bishop Fowler, Leonard Sweet and E. B. Washburne. His son, S. A. Douglas Volk is a noted artist.

### ARMENIANS IN A RIOT.

The Meeting of the Chicago Union Breaks Up in a Fierce Fight.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—At the meeting last night of the Armenian National union for the election of officers, a riot broke out and people on the street heard the sound of a fierce conflict, of flying chairs and furious voices. Then suddenly the noise was hushed and down the stairs came nearly 100 men. Some of them were blood-stained. One, with his head bound in a handkerchief, appeared to be nearly insensible, and had to be carried down by his companions. There was scarcely a man without a black eye or some mark of conflict.

After the riot had subsided the police arrived, but they could not find the leaders and no arrests were made. None of those injured were thought to be fatally hurt.

### A Notorious Bridge Completed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 20.—The Big Four ran its first passenger train into Louisville over the new Louisville and Jeffersonville bridge at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. This is the bridge on which so many lives were lost during its construction. The bridge with its approaches is about two miles long. Beginning to-day regular trains will be run over the new bridge, which is an important matter to the city.

### Canning Horse Meat is Creating Prejudice against the Canned Meats of Contrabands in Foreign Countries.

# SHORT CAMPAIGN.

## National Committees of the Two Parties in Favor of a Brief Contest.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Concerning the view of national committees on the question of a long or short campaign, the Times-Herald says:

Thirty-eight national committees, twenty Democratic and eighteen Republican, have responded to questions concerning the policy of holding a short presidential campaign.

The Republican national committee will declare in favor of a short presidential campaign.

The Democratic national committee will decide in favor of a short presidential campaign, unless the free silver element predominates in the councils of the committee. The vote is as follows: Republican national committee, for a short campaign, 14; against a short campaign, 3; non-committal, 1. Total vote, 18.

Democratic national committee, for a short campaign, 10; against a short campaign, 6; non-committal, 4. Total vote, 20.

### CLEVELAND PROTESTED.

But It Made Little Difference to Publisher John R. McLean.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—A Sunday newspaper advertised last week that it would print a description of the home and summer life of the president and his family. Learning of this Mr. Cleveland sent John R. McLean the following telegram:

REZZARDI BAY, Mass., Aug. 17.—Your reporter has neither seen me or anyone connected with my household. The publication of any interview will be an outrageous fraud.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

The message is printed as an introduction to the article, which is published with illustrations. Mr. McLean claims that the article violates none of the proprieties, and has sent a reply to Mr. Cleveland stating that he had not advertised any interview and that the president had evidently been imposed upon by rival newspapers.

### JENNIE METCALFE AGAIN.

The Oklahoma Girl Outlaw Escapes From Officers in Darling State.

PERRY, Ok., Aug. 20.—The notorious Jennie Metcalfe, nee Stevens, was arrested yesterday by Sheriff Lake near Pawnee and taken to Pawnee. There she was taken to a restaurant to eat supper. A guard was placed at the door. When Jennie finished her meal she darted through the back door of the restaurant and quickly tearing off her dress, seized a horse, and mounting it, rode off. Several officers went in pursuit, but darkness came on and she escaped.

The girl, who is not over 17 years old, was under arrest for stealing a horse from a deputy marshal who had arrested her for selling whisky to Indians.

### RIOT AT A CHURCH.

A Faction Opposed to the Priest Attacks Worshippers—Several Injured.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Aug. 20.—At St. Peter and St. Paul Catholic church on Messanic street yesterday a faction opposed to the priest attempted to break up the services. A riot followed in which Charles Weirycorak and Tony Fordyce were badly injured and four others were hurt. Several arrests have been made, but the ringleaders succeeded in getting away.

The police, fearing a renewal of the hostilities, guarded the church property last night. The trouble in the church had been brewing for some weeks.

### CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Out of the 347,000 Indians in the United States statistics show that 189,000 are self-supporting.

An old soldier died at the Washington soldiers' home the other day who, out of a pension of \$20 a month, had saved \$8,800.

Labor unions are preparing to fight the tobacco trust.

St. Louis capitalists have leased and propose to reopen the old Wilton lead mines in Boone county.

General Gomez is said to have died on July 31 in Cuba. Reports as to the cause of death are conflicting.

Charles Wear, indicted for murder, was released from jail at Poplar Bluff, Mo., on a writ of habeas corpus.

At Coney Island a burial service over a museum baby was repeated through a phonograph, a deputy coroner's wife grinding it out.

A South Dakota company has contracted to build and operate a steamship line for the Nicaragua government.

The Nicaragua government has completed a telegraph line to Kama, at the head of navigation on the Bluefields river.

Charles Zimmer of St. Joseph committed suicide at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

W. K. Risley was sentenced to 40 years in the pen for murder at West Point, Mo.

It is reported from the City of Mexico that Cuban revolutionists have secured the services of retired Mexican officers to lead and drill them.

The Bank of Tacoma, formerly the Tacoma Trust and Savings company, has made an assignment to its creditors. The statement shows cash on hand \$444, and total liabilities \$379,000, of which \$229,000 is city money.

George W. Seymour, a resident of Leavenworth county since 1857, and for the past eighteen years postmaster at Boling and justice of the peace for High Prairie township, is dead, aged 82 years.

A Priest Accused of Assault.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Aug. 20.—Father Baker, a Catholic priest doing missionary work in Northwest Missouri, was arrested here to-day charged with criminal assault in Harrison county last Thursday. He denies the charge and is confident he can clear himself of the charges.

At Excelsior Springs, Mo., Charles Zimmer of St. Joseph committed suicide by shooting himself through the head while in a bath room. It is supposed that his mind was temporarily unbalanced. Three years ago he shot and killed a negro in St. Joseph.

# BIG FORESTS ABLAZE.

## THE FIRE PLAYS HAVOC IN WASHINGTON.

A Ten-Mile Furnace—Passenger Train Near Spokane Strikes a Tree and Escapes Being Dashed Over a Precipice—Forest Fires in New Jersey.

SPokane, Wash., Aug. 21.—The westbound Great Northern train had passed through a furnace of burning forests for a distance of ten miles Sunday night, when at Little Spokane river, about twenty miles east of this city, a huge tree fell across the track from the mountain above. The engine struck it, causing the train to stop so suddenly as to throw the passengers violently from their seats. The burning tree was dragged partially under the cars, and for a moment the train toppled to one side, until it almost went into a 150-foot chasm on the other side.

So intense was the heat from the forest fire that the coaches, blistered and almost black with smoke, and the passengers were panic stricken, and but for the coolness of the train crew would have rushed into certain death. The burning tree set fire to the mail and baggage cars, but the flames were extinguished with water from the American stream. With axes the track was cleared and the train succeeded in reaching here badly damaged.

M. W. McCrory, superintendent of the bridges of the Northern Pacific, who arrived here last night, reports that four bridge carpenters, who had gone out on a long bridge to extinguish a fire, failing to do so, sought to return, leaping from the bridge into the chasm, 136 feet below, and were dashed to death.

New Jersey Forests Ablaze.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The entire section of New Jersey bounded by the Hudson, the Delaware and the Chesapeake rivers, and the Atlantic coast, is now a vast furnace of fire. The flames are consuming the forests, and the smoke is rising in great volumes into the air. The fire is spreading rapidly, and it is feared that it will reach the city of New York.

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Gathering for the State Convention—Leaders on the Ground.

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### MARRIAGE IN BLOOMERS.

Miss Eva Mae Christen, Attired in Latest Bicycle Costume, Becomes a Bride.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Shortly before noon yesterday George W. Clarke and Miss Eva Mae Christen, the former in knickerbockers and the latter in gray bloomers, trotted their wheels in front of Marriage License Clerk Salmonson's desk in the county building, where Clark swore that he was 21 and Miss Christen acknowledged to 19 years. Then the two went to the office of Justice Murphy to be married. The bride-to-be wore gray bloomers and leggings, a short, tight-fitting jacket over a shirt waist, a flying necktie and a peaked cap.

After the brief ceremony the couple took their wheels and staged on their wedding trip down the South Side boulevard to Windsor park, where they live.

Two Female Hoodlums Arrested.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Aug. 21.—Jennie Metcalfe and Annie McDowell, the girls arrested last week for horse stealing, but who escaped from Sheriff Lake, have been again captured and lodged in the Pawnee jail. Both were in male attire when captured, the time, with revolvers in their belts and spurs on their boots.

Receiver for a Laddonia Bank.

MEXICO, Mo., Aug. 21.—This afternoon Ben C. Johnson of his city went to Laddonia and took charge as receiver of the Farmers' bank at that place, which has failed to comply with the banking law.

# EICLER WHIPS ABBOTT

## The American Whips the Englishman in a Hoc Mill.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 21.—The international bout between Stanton Abbott, champion light-weight of England, and Owen Zeigler of Philadelphia, who fought Jack McAuliffe to a draw, occurred last night at the Eureka Athletic club in the presence of 1,500 spectators.

First round—Zeigler landed on the face and then on the breast. The Englishman got in a face blow. He was very cool, while Zeigler danced around the ring and lunged viciously. No heavy work this round.

Second round—Zeigler got in two light face blows and a rib roaster. The Englishman fell to his knees and as he rose Zeigler gave him a terrible right-hander on the left eye, nearly closing it. Abbott looked distressed as the round closed.

From the third to the sixteenth round Zeigler had quite a bit the best of it.

The sixteenth was a hot round and all in Zeigler's favor, closing with the showers of blows.

Abbott aimed some savage blows in the eighteenth, but fell short. Zeigler delivered another stunner on the Briton and the next moment gave the American the best of the nineteenth.

The twentieth and last round was a savage one, give and take, the American getting it on the nose, and the Englishman being stormed with neck, face and body blows until he was four bridge carpenters, who had gone out on a long bridge to extinguish a fire, failing to do so, sought to return, leaping from the bridge into the chasm, 136 feet below, and were dashed to death.

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### TERROR DONE FOR.

Shot by an El Paso Constable.

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### MISSOURI CROPS.

Early Corn is Maturing Rapidly and is Generally Out of Danger.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Aug. 21.—The weekly crop bulletin says early corn is maturing rapidly and is generally out of danger, but in many counties, especially in the central and northern sections, late corn is now suffering for rain and unless a good rain comes soon the yield will be cut short. In a few of the southern counties early corn is being cut. Millet and stock peas are generally heavy crops. There is considerable complaint in a number of the southeastern counties that peaches are rotting, but as a rule fruit continues in good condition. In a number of the central and northern and a few of the southern counties pastures are getting short and are needing rain badly, and rain is also needed to soften the ground for fall breaking. Threshing is still in progress but is nearing completion.

### CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Mrs. Loretta Homson of Lancaster, Mo., was injured to death by gasoline.

Mrs. Charles Eliebrecht of Quincy, Ill., killed herself by taking carbolic acid.

The tax-rate of New York city for this year has been fixed at 1.02 per cent.

The total assessment of Illinois is nearly \$6,000,000 greater than last year.

Ex-Banker Burlingame will be tried this week in Lawrence county, Mo., for fraud.

The story that Causal General Crittenden may succeed Minister Ransom in Mexico has been revived.

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The Christian gang held up a farmer, powers of reforms in his family and employees and robbed mentions only reforms of section near Atoka, I. T.

importance and rejects the demand of the powers for the exercise of control over the carrying out of reforms, claiming that it is twenty-five of the twenty-nine members of the mob that drove the crowd people from their homes in Spring Valley have been bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—M. C. A dispatch from Hong Kong conveys the Shanghai dispatch containing the report that the Chinese government has refused to allow American and British consuls to make any investigation into the Ku Cheng massacre.

Special advices from Moosh say that the Turkish officials have driven the Christians out of their houses in all the country between Sassoun and Moosh and have given the houses to the members of the Kurdish tribes. The victims are starving.

### Another Vanderbilt Scandal.

WESTFIELD, Mass., Aug. 21.—William Fearing Gill, whose wife, Edith C. Gill, is a sister of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, has left his home here, taking his child with him, and his attorney has begun proceedings for a divorce, alleging "gross and confirmed habits of intoxication by chloral" on the part of Mrs. Gill. Mrs. Gill is a daughter of Abraham E. Gwynne of Cincinnati.

The voters of Great Neck, N. Y., have petitioned to have the name of their town changed. They wonder how they have stood it so long.

# IRON WORKERS KILLED.

## Terrific Explosion at the Carnegie Homestead Steel Works.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 21.—About 5 o'clock this morning one of the top fillers of furnace II of the Carnegie Steel company's works at Homestead dumped a barrow of material into the bell of the furnace, which he had forgotten to raise. This clogged the top of the furnace and prevented the gas from escaping. Sixteen men, in charge of James Harrison, were sent to the top of the furnace to remove the obstruction. All were closely