

Terrible Loss of Life.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A fearful explosion occurred at the Bamfurlong colliery, and not less than fifty lives have been lost. They went to work as usual yesterday morning and after the colliery had been inspected in the usual way. They had not been at work long when a terrible explosion shook the earth for a great distance and a cloud of smoke shot up through the shaft into the air. A multitude of people rushed toward the mine, and the greatest excitement prevailed. It was soon ascertained that a large number had perished, and the wailing and weeping of women and children made an indescribable scene. Steps were immediately taken to ascertain the full extent of the disaster, and a crowd of volunteers promptly offered to explore the pit. It is believed the explosion was caused by an accumulated amount of coal and gas, which had escaped the notice of the officials charged with the inspection of the mine.

The Mexican Troubles.

GUERRERO, Mex., Dec. 15.—The government telegraph line which passes through this place has been repaired, and for the first time a complete official report of the bloody battle near San Ignacio was sent to military headquarters yesterday. The battle took place only about fifteen miles from this place, and in order for reinforcements was brought in by courier while the fight was still in progress. Major Julien Esquebel, the commodore of the garrison, left immediately with a force of 150 soldiers, but when they reached the place they found that the revolutionists had crossed the river into the United States, taking with them about twenty prisoners, forty horses and a large amount of ammunition and guns. The Mexican soldiers fought nobly. They were only forty-five in number but they held their ground and continued to fight as long as there was any chance of defeating their opponent. Captain Seegar was in command of the government troops, and led charge after charge against the opposing forces, which numbered fully 200, but he was outnumbered and was killed by a pistol shot from the leader of the revolutionists, who is thought to be Prudencio Gonzalez, who was formerly a prominent ranch owner in Starr county, Texas.

Chopped Him Up.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 15.—Henry A. Kreckman went to his home 1913 Mountain avenue, at an early hour yesterday morning and discovered his wife, Laura, and Samuel Morris in a compromising position. Kreckman procured an axe and made a savage attack upon Morris. Thinking he had killed the invader, Kreckman went to the station house near by and surrendered himself to the police, saying that he had killed a man. Officers went to the house and found Morris with two compound fractures of the skull, a terrible wound over each eye and one arm broken. He is still alive but his death is expected at any moment. The police locked Kreckman up and afterward took the recreant wife into custody.

A Revolting Crime.

MCKESPORT, Pa., Dec. 15.—Joseph Guthrie, aged 5 years, died last Thursday at Pasadena, Cal., from the effect of poison. Four years ago his father, George Guthrie, who with his wife and children lived in Westmoreland county, leaving an estate of \$50,000 to his wife and son, to whom the inheritance would go in event of his father's death. During the last year and a half the family has frequently suffered illness which baffled the physician's skill. Poison was found in the child's stomach and the mother sought a change of surroundings, moving to this place. Late the child again suffered from poison and the mother went to California where the boy died of abscess superinduced by the poison administered. Mrs. Guthrie will arrive this week with the remains. The person who is suspected of administering the poison to the child is not a relative, but a party who hoped to share in the inheritance. However, it is doubtful if the prisoner will ever be brought to justice.

Killed for Usurping.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 15.—The case of Henry Foster, charged with the murder of ex-Congressman J. Bright Morgan, was called at Water Valley yesterday and continued in order to allow a special venire to be summoned. Last summer Judge Morgan left Hernando for Chicago. Foster boarded the train a few miles further with his younger brother. He walked to Judge Morgan's seat and fired two bullets through him in quick succession. Judge Morgan fell dead and Foster surrendered. He and his brother were taken to Holly Springs through fear of mob violence. Both were indicted for murder in the first degree, but young Foster was seized with typhoid fever and died in jail. A change of venue was got from Hernando, and yesterday morning Foster was taken to Water Valley. One hundred and thirty-five witnesses have been summoned by the defense and forty-five by the prosecution. The case of the killing was the coming of Foster by Judge Morgan a few days before the tragedy.

The native Australians have a weapon which is called a "woomera." It is a straight stick, hollow at the end, in which is placed the handle of a spear. When it is thrown, the stick separates from the handle.

The Panama Swindle.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Charles Alme Marie de Lesseps and M. Marius Rittiene and M. Santeroy have been arrested by direction of the minister of justice, M. Bourgeois, for their alleged connection with the Panama canal frauds. M. Henri Louis Felix Cottu, for whose arrest an order was also issued, has fled to Vienna. Santeroy is charged with having accepted a bribe as a member of chamber of deputies. The charges against the officers of the company on which summons were previously served, on which they have now been arrested, are that they have jointly made use of fraudulent imaginary credit that have dissipated capital entrusted to them for a specific purpose, and that they have swindled others out of part or all of their means of living on their fortunes. Besides making the arrests the authorities have searched the residences of De Lesseps, Fontaine, Cottu and Santeroy, and seized documents throwing new and important light on the Panama frauds and corruption.

A Plot That Failed.

PANAMA, Dec. 17.—Advices from Salvador state that a plot to kill President Ezeta was received a few days ago. The plot was formed by Salvador exiles. The president was invited to a banquet at Salvador, at which an Italian, hired to assassinate him, had been engaged to serve as waiter. After all the guests at the banquet had taken their places at the table a body of police entered and arrested the Italian. The prisoner confessed that he was a member of the Guatemala service and that he had been hired for \$5,000 to kill the president.

Many arrests have been made in Salvador and the extradition of several Salvador exiles has been requested by the Guatemala government. The discovery of the plot has increased the popularity of the president.

Maintained His Nerve.

CORNWALL, Ont., Dec. 17.—James Lavin, alias McMahon, who while "resisting arrest," shot and killed Constable J. R. Davey on September 18 last, was executed here yesterday morning at 7:45. The execution was witnessed only by the medical profession and a few private citizens. Lavin talked freely during the night with the guard and carried on in a dour manner. He arose about 7:35 the hangmen entered the cell and made no response. His hands were pinioned, and at 7:40 the march of the scaffold was begun, and at 7:42 a noose was placed over his head. He said: "Good by, gentlemen." The noose was given and the unfortunate's body bounced from the earth. Death was instantaneous. The body was cut down about ten minutes afterward and interred in the county house yard in a rough box. Lavin maintained his wonderful nerve to the last and refused to see any spiritual adviser.

Under Arrest.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 15.—L. J. Jemojel, a Norwegian, is under arrest at Norway, Benton county, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. It is alleged he went to Norway about a year ago and by holding out to his fellow countrymen that immense profits were to be made in real estate near Chicago, induced twenty-two of them to invest \$1,000 each for the purchase of a forty-acre tract near Griffith, Ind. The Central Land syndicate was formed. The land was purchased, the documents showing the consideration to be \$23,000. Realizing nothing, some of the members became suspicious and two went to Griffith. They found Jemojel, who was unable to locate the land. They employed a surveyor, who located it two miles from the town on the edge of a swamp. Further investigation revealed the fact that it was worth only \$50 per acre, and it was subsequently ascertained that \$2,000 had been paid for it, though the purchase price was represented to have been \$23,000. It is thought a settlement will be effected by the return of the money to the stockholders.

Probably Another Strike.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—The executive committee of the United Mine Worker's union of Ohio met to take action on a serious difficulty between the miners and operators in the Hooking valley. The miners demanded 50 cents extra per cubic yard, and the operators offered to give 2 cents. It was determined to submit the question to locals for action. It is believed a strike will be ordered within a few days.

Fear of Fire.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 17.—The reading company fears for the safety of its Berchwood colliery at Mount Laffee. A mine fire which has been burning in the old Wadeville shaft near here for three years, is working its way toward this colliery, and means are now being taken to prevent its further progress in that direction.

Conspirator Convicted.

ALPENA, Mich., Dec. 17.—August Grossman has been found guilty of murder in the first degree, in having caused the death of Albert Moller. The jury was out seven hours. Grossman was the first of the Moller murder conspirators to be tried. Five others of the conspirators are yet to be tried. Albert Moller was murdered eighteen years ago, but the case was dropped until recently, when William Hepler, the leader of the conspiracy, confessed and implicated about a dozen other well-known citizens in the crime.

Ruined by Gambling.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 19.—Lost \$30,000 at the gaming table. That is the thrilling climax of the life of Augustus H. Hornsby, once an officer of the British army and for the past eight years a dealer in real estate in St. Paul. He is now \$30,000 in debt and a fugitive from justice. St. Paul officers are looking for him with the view of arresting him for uttering forged paper. He is wanted for many crooked transactions, but the specific case on which his arrest is sought is the selling of valuable real estate belonging to Mrs. Antonia Wortman, a widow, issuing forged deeds and securing the money on them without asking Mrs. Wortman's consent to the sale.

Hornsby came to St. Paul during the big real estate boom, and through lucky investments, made over \$300,000. He then took to gambling and picked up \$500,000 in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Then he took \$40,000 in cash and went to Chicago. In three days he had lost every penny of this amount. This was the turning point of his career and he gradually lost everything he had. His wife even had to go to work for the Northern Pacific company to keep the wolf from the door. After committing the forgeries Hornsby ran away. The last seen of him was in Duluth. He has doubtless gone to Canada, expecting to go thence to Australia or Hawaii.

A Terrible Fire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A fire at a big warehouse on the Brooklyn waterfront did \$250,000 damage. Before the fire was burning half an hour part of the north wall of the warehouse fell, and nine firemen, including Chief Engineer Nevins, were forced to leap into the slip to escape. Fortunately none were buried under the falling wall and a were pulled out of the water more frightened than hurt. Fireman Laferty was struck by a steam and his thighs broken and received several painful bruises. It is reported the several men were crushed beneath the wall, but all the department men accounted for and the firemen are confident that no one else was on the pier. The warehouse was filled with cotton, consigned to various merchants and cotton brokers of this city. The loss will be mostly covered by insurance. The damage to the building is \$25,000.

A Serious Wreck.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 19.—Privated Advertisers state that a collision occurred on the Southern railroad near McKinney, about twelve miles south of Junction City, between No. 1, passenger southbound, and a northbound freight, No. 1 was running by the schedule and by some mistake the freight was running on the old time Charles Fagin, baggage-master, an United States Messenger Kinney were killed. Several passengers were injured.

A telegram from Danville, Ky., states that there was a wreck on the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas (Cincinnati-South) railroad four miles from the place and that several persons were killed. No particulars are given. The railroad officials here say there was a wreck, but no lives were lost. The refuse to give any further information. 1:15 a. m.—The railway mail service here has news that one of the railway clerks has been killed in the wreck and others seriously wounded. The railway mail agent on the trains are J. E. Eddington, W. N. Hinkle and M. C. Coddell. Which one was killed has not been learned.

Surrounded by U. S. Troops.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A special to the World from Laredo, Tex., says that news had been received that 150 revolutionists are surrounded in a dense chapparal near Carizo by United States troops and that a battle is expected shortly. News has also been received at Fort McIntosh that a party of United States soldiers, from Fort Ringgold are on the trail of a party of 100 revolutionists. The courier who brings this news says that the Mexicans were betrayed at Saniganicio by a servant of the captain commanding the Mexican forces.

Four Female Slaves Poisoned.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 19.—Four beautiful female slaves were recently presented by the khedive to the sultan of Turkey and placed in the Imperial harem. They appear to have had a captivating influence on the sultan, who paid them so much attention as to excite the jealousy of the other women. The four beautiful slaves were found murdered in their beds a few days ago, having fallen victims of poison. The sultan is said to have been deeply enraged when he heard of the fate of his favorites, and to have ordered a rigid investigation and the severe punishment of the guilty ones. Three eunuchs who had access to the apartments of the victims were arrested on suspicion of being the person who actually administered the poison, and at latest accounts were being subjected to torture in order to compel them to make a full confession. Suspicion of having instigated the crime rests chiefly on one of the concubines, who, until the arrival of the Egyptian women, almost monopolized the sultan's affections.

Fire! Fire!

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 19.—Fire was discovered in the second story in the rear of the Cincinnati Lead Pipe and Sheet Lead works, 29 and 30 West Ninth street. H. Hunsfeldt's tin store on one side and Clark & Hawley's lead pipe store on the other side were soon past saving. A restaurant and boarding house adjoining also was destroyed. J. D. Abraham, proprietor of the lead pipe and sheet lead works estimated his loss on the stock at \$5,000.

NEBRASKA NEWS.

Scarlet fever is raging at Harrington.

Philip Smith of Polk county lost 130 tons of hay by fire.

The Methodists of Fairbury are to build a new parsonage.

There is some prospects that Fremont will have a woolen mill by and by.

The street car lines in Omaha were tied up for thirty-six hours by the late storm.

A third elevator is being erected at Bellwood by the farmers of that vicinity.

An auger ground off the thumb of the 14-year-old son of George Galer, near Harvard.

Dr. J. L. Gandy's store at Aspinwall was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$3,000 and no insurance.

A Falls City jury fell asleep during an important trial, and consequently had no trouble in arriving at a just verdict.

A. G. Isaacson drove across the railroad track at Central City in front of a moving train. The new wagon cost him \$70.

J. H. Pope talks of building a roller mill of 150 barrel capacity at Silver Creek. The town is inclined to extend some assistance.

The Presbyterians of Tecumseh have dedicated their new \$10,000 church. Rev. Hunter of Nebraska City delivered the sermon.

The Elk Creek Sentinel changed proprietors last week, H. P. Marble having disposed of his interest to A. E. Ovenden, who is now sole owner.

The Maverick bank at Gordon last week released sixty chattel mortgages against residents in the western part of Cherry county, amounting to \$10,000.

A. F. Pool of Humboldt, who was indicted upon a charge of hog stealing, about ten years ago, had his trial the other day and was promptly acquitted.

The divorce case of Howard vs. Howard pending in the district court of Pawnee county, was abruptly terminated by the death of the defendant.

Colonel Razer, of the Curtis Courier has been instrumental in securing about 1,600,000 fish for Curtis lake. The commissioners never go where they are not invited.

An insane patient at the Hastings asylum inserted his teeth in the hand of Superintendent Johnson and the doctor is in consequence suffering with a very sore hand.

The Weekly Leader, published at Blue Hill, Neb., has been sold by F. P. Shields to J. L. Greenlee, who will henceforth wield the pen in the interest of Blue Hill and vicinity.

Mrs. Rebecca Conklin of Valparaiso, who came to that section in an early day, died suddenly of neuralgia of the heart, at the home of her daughter. She was seventy years of age.

The survey of the canal from the Platte, near Fremont to Omaha has already commenced. It is proposed to convey the water from the river through this channel to Omaha and utilize it for power.

The state board of agricultural will convene at Lincoln about the 1st of January. Farmers are agitating the proposition of a corn show, exhibits to be brought from every county in the state. Another move in the right direction.

The Broken Bow Beacon and Callaway Independent have consolidated and now appear as one, under the name of the Beacon-Independent. Its publishers are Messrs. Beal, Webb & Dorris and the boys know how to get out a paper that bristles with originality and prints the news.

It is rumored that Miss Carrie Showlan of Columbus has joined A. M. Swartzendraver in his place of concealment, and is now his lawful wedded wife. "Swartz" will be remembered as the young real estate dealer who obtained a few thousand by fraudulent methods and then skipped to parts unknown.

An educational rally was held at McCook to discuss the feasibility of locating a Methodist university at this place. Chancellor Creighton and some others in authority were in attendance and made speeches. If any inducement will cause the trustees of the university to locate in Western Nebraska, McCook is the prize winner, as it is an excellent location and could give to the institution numerous advantages.

Some of the older readers of the Journal still retain interest in the welfare of the Pawnee tribe of Indians, which was formerly located on the lands now known as Nance county, with their rude abodes at Genoa. Years ago they ceded these lands to the government, and removed to the territory. They have again entered into an agreement with the government by which they concede the residue of 25,000 acres, after they shall have taken therefrom their allotments, receiving \$1.25 an acre for their surplus lands. The government pledges itself to continue the annuity of \$30,000.—Columbus Journal.

Speaking of mammoth hogs, the climax was reached Monday of last week when F. A. Wood sold three prodigious porkers weighing 1,530 pounds. The market price that day was 5 cents per pound, so that the trio brought the phenomenal sum of \$76.50. This handsome figure is undoubtedly the most ever paid for the same number of hogs in Oxford before. Who can beat it? Nebraska has the largest ice house in the world. It is located in Ashland. And the largest creamery in the world. It is located at Fremont.

Harvard Lampoon: Friend—It seems to me that I have seen something like that before. What is that painting after? Impecunious Artist—At present it is after a purchaser.

Mrs. Kirke—George, I think it is perfectly shameful for you to stay away from church and sit home reading novels!

George—Amy what was the text this morning my dear?

Mrs. Kirk—Why! Oh! I forget but Mr. Tonsil sang a lovely solo, and I saw a bonnet that was simply a dream!

A plan is on foot to bring the army of California gold diggers of 1849 together at the World's fair in June, 1893. The Argonauts now living in California who have never returned east are determined, according to report, to make the journey next year, taking in the fair on their way.

The directors of the exposition have appropriated \$120,000 to erect a separate building for the department of ethnology. This building was first intended for the educational exhibit. The latter will be placed in the manufactures building in the space formerly assigned to ethnology, amounting to 150,000 square feet.

The advance agent of the sultan of Johore is in Chicago arranging for the visit of the Asiatic potentate next year. The subjects of the sultan number half a million and his royal domain covers an area of 13,000 square miles. His distinguishing characteristic is his ad for diamonds, and when in full regalia he strings \$10,000,000 worth of them from his shoulders. The royal party expects to be present at the opening of the fair and will remain in the United States several months.

Mrs. Drowsie—What, my dear, you are not going to wear that bright colored necktie in the pulpit, are you? The Rev. Mr. Drowsie—Yes I am. That's the only way I can keep the audience away.

The latest phase of development in the club life is the Educational Club of Philadelphia, which has recently been formed by the men teachers of the city public schools. The purpose of the new organization is to advance the standard of the profession of teaching through the discussion of educational topics at monthly meetings, by special lectures by prominent instructors from other sections of the country, and by the publication of important papers.

A California World's fair beet is ripening at Santa Ana. Its weight is estimated at 300 pounds.

Yale college received \$2,000,000 last year. This, she lifted from the misguided from Harvard and Princeton. Yale fellows to have pin dinner every day in the year.

That cabin of "Uncle Tom's" cleared to be standing, or it recently, just as Mrs. Harriet Stowe found it, at Chopin St. Who her it is the identical not, it is to be put on exhibit in Chicago.

Chicago Tribune: A little leaveneth the whole lump, but big leaven maketh the other cake all dough.

Pittsburg Chronicle: Francisco house is trying to whaling in the southern sea, but not revived in the public school.

Ram's Horn: It is hard for oopher to understand why it should be called play, as long as it should be considered hard work.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: Are no railroads in the other world? Gould has probably seized the gan slide.

Washington Star: "Do you kid gloves?" said the clerk. "Why, no," replied Patzy. "Certain'ly not. Gimme man Dere fur meself."

Puck: "You always wear your collars and cuffs, Mr. Kink," said the colonel to the old darkey. "Yesir," replied Kink; "dat's vantage of palmittin' yoh wife in washin' sah."

Indianapolis Journal: "Your or you life!" said the gentleman safe end of the revolver. "But, my dear man, I can't get either," protested the victim. "Both belong to my wife."

Smith, Gray & Co.'s Month: ton Gates—Are you really so hard Tramp—Hard up? "Why, suits of clothes wuz selling at a apiece, I wouldn't have enough to the armhole of a vest!"

"What is it I hear about Blom robbed of his entire business?" asked the first Chicago citizen. "It's true," said the other. "A pad cashed him so far and so fast he lost his wind."

Mgr. Galimberti, papal nuncio in Vienna, has been made a cardinal. He will remain as nuncio at the capital.

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