

DEADWOOD, S. D., Nov. 17.—The most horrible crime ever committed in the Hills was committed at noon yesterday by Joseph Thas, an Italian murderer. The crime was fiendishly planned and deliberately executed. Some time ago Thas' wife left him, owing to his dissolute habits, and went to live with her cousin, Jacco Tannita, and his wife. Thas on several occasions sought to make his wife live with him, but to no purpose. Yesterday noon he called at the house and shortly after the neighbors heard four shots at intervals of a few moments, but nothing was thought of it.

At 2 o'clock a peddler called at the house and hearing groans entered, thinking somebody was sick. A horrible sight met his gaze. Lying in the woodshed was Joe Thas gasping with a mortal wound in his head and a 38-caliber revolver in his hand. In the kitchen, lying stark in death was Jacco Tannita, Mrs. Jacco Tannita, and Mrs. Joe Thas, with blood streaming from her horrible wounds, inflicted by Thas' revolver. In addition to the bullet wounds, Mrs. Tannita had been struck in the head with an ax.

Bank of England Loser. BOSTON, Nov. 17.—The Herald's London correspondent cables the following regarding the trouble in the Bank of England:

Another sensation has burst upon the financial world involving no less an institution than the bank of England. Some days ago it was publicly announced that Chief Cashier F. May of the Bank of England had resigned his post after twenty years of service, and would retire on a pension liberally voted by the directors.

It now appears that Cashier May, so I am informed, not only retires, but his resignation was demanded by the directors and no pension is given him for the reason that he has involved the bank in a heavy loss. The cashier was entrusted with almost absolute power in making investments. A short time since the directors found cause to question the soundness of his judgment, which was subjecting the bank to unaccustomed loss. They voted to retire him on a half pension.

After a further investigation of the nature of his investments they decided to retire him peremptorily and refused to pension him.

Think They Have a Cue.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—It was announced that the police had obtained a slight clue to the identity of the two men who yesterday robbed Treasurer J. A. Drake of the Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa railway of over \$20,000. A newsboy was found who said that in making his rounds he saw two men hurriedly emerge from the Rockery building, where the robbery took place, about the time of the assault. From the description given by the boy, the police professed to think they would be able to apprehend the robbers.

Mr. Drake, the victim of the assault was able to be at his office today. A cut over the eye and a large lump on his head were the only wounds he received. Drake was apparently extremely nervous as a result of the affair and refused to be interviewed.

Did Not Get the Money.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—A special from Peterson, N. J., to the Evening Sun says: A crank who gave his name to the police as Joseph Mitch, is now locked up at police headquarters for threatening to blow up St. Bonaventures monastery in this city. Mitch called at the monastery and demanded from the mother superior \$5,000. He threatened to blow up the building with dynamite unless his demand was complied with. Finally he went away and returned this morning and renewed his threat to destroy the monastery with dynamite if he did not get the money. The mother superior telephoned to the police and the crank was arrested.

Jumped the Track.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 17.—At La Fayette, Ala., at an early hour yesterday morning, while the passenger train from Opelika on the East Alabama railroad was entering town, running fifteen miles an hour, the entire train except the engine jumped the track on a curve and rolled down a ten foot embankment. The train was filled with passengers and immediately after the accident, the wreck took fire from the overturning of the stores. A panic followed among the terror-stricken passengers.

Thomas Driver of LaFayette, who was riding in the smoking car, was caught under a seat and before he could be rescued was burned to a crisp. All the others were gotten out.

Reports Confirmed.

THREE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 17.—Senator Voorhees has returned home and is in fine health. The senator says that dispatches giving purported differences between himself and Secretary Sherman regarding the political situation in the West are unfounded. He says the situation in the West is not so serious as is being reported.

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Robbed a Railway.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Daring robbers beat the treasurer of the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa railway into insensibility yesterday morning and got away with something like \$20,000 in cash.

The victim of the assault was John A. Drake, thirty years old, a son of F. M. Drake, president and builder of the "Three I's" road, and the crime was committed in the company's offices on the ninth floor of the Rockery building, one block from the board of trade. It was an easy matter for the thugs to make their escape from the great building, which is practically deserted at 7 o'clock the hour at which the robbery was committed.

The money take represented the semi-monthly payroll of the company. Mr. Drake intended to take the 7:30 train on the Nickel Plate for Knox, Ind., the eastern terminus of the Three I's, from which point he has been in the habit of working to the western terminus at Streator, Ill., with his pay car. It had been the custom of the company to pay its employees in checks altogether, payable to bearer at the banks on the line, and afterwards a change was made to part checks and part cash. But it was suspected that dummies were on the payroll, and the last change to paying currency led to the discovery of two dummy employees.

The New Tariff Schedule.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Despite the precautions of the house ways and means committee to prevent its secrets becoming public property, some of the details of the work on the tariff bill are leaking out. There is apparently no doubt that wool, coal and iron ore will be placed on the free list. It is understood also that a material reduction will be made on steel rails. The duty on tin plate, as has been previously announced, will probably be reduced from 22.10 to one percent. A meeting of all the democratic members of the committee was held today, at which the sub-committees having in charge the various schedules submitted their reports.

The work of adjusting and harmonizing the reductions will be continued until the bill shall have been completed. It is expected that this result will be reached the last of next week or not later than Monday following. The bill will then be reported to the full committee and made public the same day.

News From the Dalton Gang.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kas., Nov. 6.—The Daltons have been heard from again and it appears that they are getting to be common highwaymen. This evening E. Higginbotham arrived in this city from Blackwell, a town twenty-three miles southwest of this city in the Cherokee strip. Mr. Higginbotham has been engaged in hauling lumber from this city to Blackwell for Charles N. Hunt. While he was returning to this city yesterday morning he met two men, who halted him, pulled their Winchester down on him and demanded his money. He told them that \$2 was all he had and the highwaymen took it, with the remark: "There's nothing small about us; you can keep the other dollar." The men rode away then. Higginbotham recognized them as Bill Dalton and "Dynamite," two of the Dalton gang.

Caught Them Napping.

LONDON, Ill., Nov. 16.—The Lincoln police have caught the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville train bandits. While searching for stolen clothing and jewelry the officers faced three guns, but having the drop on the desperadoes they forced them to submit and took them out of bed. They found three new revolvers and landed four prisoners in the county jail, named William Shells, Edward Van Meter, Clarence Howe, all ex-convicts, and Shell's daughter, Ida is a prosecuting witness. The arrested men fit the description of the trio who attempted to hold up the train and were away from home until 2 a. m. the morning following the night of the holdup.

Cold Weather in the East.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Nov. 16.—A terrific snow storm is prevailing here, assuming blizzard proportions at times. About eight inches of snow has fallen. Outdoor business is practically suspended.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 16.—The first snow of the season occurred yesterday. It is general throughout the northwest and may continue, with brisk northwest winds, for the next twenty-four hours. The present cold wave extends from the Mississippi to the Atlantic and as far south as the gulf with temperature 15° to 18° below the normal.

Failed to Explode.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Nov. 16.—An attempt was made yesterday morning at 2 o'clock to blow open the vault in the People's bank at Lexington with dynamite. The robbers drilled into the outer door of the vault and exploded a dynamite charge, which failed to open the door. Frightened by the terrific explosion the robbers fled, leaving their tools.

The Russian Exile.

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Fire in a Church.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—Three hundred men and women were momentarily panic-stricken last evening in the Belden avenue Baptist church when they discovered the structure was on fire, but presence of mind on the part of the pastor, Rev. H. H. Barbour, soon restored order and the entire congregation escaped to the street in safety. There were some pushing and crowding at times, but no one was injured. The pastor had spoken about ten minutes when he noticed a gentleman who had occupied a seat in the center of the church arise and come forward. He walked up the main aisle toward the pulpit and beckoned Rev. Barbour to one side.

"There will be a panic soon if we are not careful," he whispered. "The church is on fire. Sparks are falling from the dome." Rev. Barbour glanced up at the dome and saw sparks falling. He told the congregation that the services could not be continued.

"There are good reasons," he announced, "why I cannot preach to you tonight. We will even dispense with the closing hymn and benediction, and I will ask you to leave your seats quietly and in order, but with as much haste as possible."

Several who were seated in the center of the church saw the falling sparks. A core arose hastily and started for exit in the rear. Others arose, not knowing what was the cause of the announcement. Soon the church was emptied. The fire caught in the dome from a leak in the large gas pipe leading to the chandelier in the center of the chancel. By the time the congregation had left the church the dome was in flames. In the meantime the blaze had been seen by parties outside the church and an alarm turned in. Quick work by fire department saved the building from destruction and confined the fire to the dome. The loss is estimated at \$7,500.

Wants to Kill the Mayor.

JOLIET, Ill., Nov. 13.—For several days a man has been noticed in Pontiac, Ill., acting in a suspicious manner and was frequently heard to mutter the name of McLaughrey coupled with threats. The stranger called at the reformatory and asked for Major McLaughrey, but was informed that he was out of town. Mrs. McLaughrey, hearing of his suspicious actions, notified Ralph Bradford the postmaster who hunted up the mysterious individual and found he had a dangerous crank to deal with. Bradford informed that Major McLaughrey lived at Monmouth, whereupon the stranger departed. Upon arriving at Monmouth the stranger was finally arrested and upon being searched turned out to be a walking arsenal. He has been recognized as an ex-convict, Dr. Peter R. Langdon, alias Langford W. Rose, who was released from his second term at the Joliet prison in September last. He has often been heard to make threats to kill Major McLaughrey.

Highwaymen in Lincoln.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 13.—Two highway robberies occurred last night between 10:45 and 11:30 almost in the heart of the city. Two men did both of the holdups which were done with neatness and dispatch. H. W. Springate, a traveling man, was halted at Fourteenth and K streets and commanded to hold up his hands. He obeyed and at the same time looked down the shining muzzle of a revolver, at the east end of which he could perceive a slanting cartridge of no mean calibre. The robbers relieved Springate of about \$30.

After thus reducing Springate's visible assets, the men moved west to Eleventh street near L where they awaited another victim. James Crotty, who lives in the city block, was the unfortunate man. He was relieved of cash aggregating between \$5 and \$7 and a bunch of keys. He says the men called him opprobrious names because he was so shy on cash.

Springate was unable to give the police any description of the men except in a general way, but Crotty is positive he would know the men if he saw them again.

Trying to Bring Him Back.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Adrian Van Sinderen, embezzler of trust funds amounting to \$200,000, who became a fugitive from justice after his indictment for grand larceny in 1901, and who was believed by everybody to be dead, has come to life. He has been traced by detectives to Berlin, Germany; here he has been living incognito. District Attorney Lindsay has left for Washington to arrange if possible with the German minister and Secretary Gresham for the return of Van Sinderen to this country for trial. The extradition treaty between the United States and Germany is said not to provide for a case like that in question, but the creditors of Van Sinderen are trying to bring about an act of comity between the two countries providing for his surrender to the New York authorities.

Murder or Suicide.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., 13.—Henry Duve, a prominent merchant, left home Saturday to make some collections, telling his family he would be back in time for supper. Saturday night a boat was found floating in Lake Conroy and in it was Duve's coat. It is believed he was enticed into the boat and robbed. The body was found Saturday night. There is no positive evidence of foul play, and opinion is divided as to whether it is a case of murder or suicide.

All Egress Cut Off.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 14.—Fire broke out last night about 7:15 o'clock in the Schmalz-Reid block, on main street, between Monroe and Union streets, before the flames were controlled at 8 p. m. several lives were lost and nearly half a million dollars worth of property went up in smoke. The exact number of lives lost at this hour (1:30 a. m.) is not known, but a conservative estimate places it at four, while four or five were injured, some fatally, in jumping from the burning building.

About a quarter past seven o'clock people were startled by the report of an explosion and a flash. In an instant flames were pouring from the lower floor of the six-story building occupied by the Schmalz-Reid Hardware company. The second, third, fourth and fifth stories were occupied by the Y. M. C. A. and it was in this place that the loss of life occurred. The fire started from the explosion of a large coil oil lamp near the stairway, and within five seconds after the explosion occurred the front end of the building was a seething mass of roaring, crackling flames. The second floor was used as the lecture room of the Y. M. C. A., while the third story was used as a library. It was in this death trap that the holocaust occurred. The flames leaped up the staircase so fast that all egress was cut off.

Anxious For Their Medals.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—There is much complaining among exhibitors over the great delay in awarding the World's Fair medals to successful competitors. Congress has received numerous letters on the subject, but inquiry at the treasury does not reveal any indication that the medals will be ready for distribution for some months to come.

As many of the exhibitors expect to make the most of their medals in an advertising way, some of them desiring to incorporate the design in new trade marks to be adopted, they complain that the great delay will rob them of much of the commercial advantage which they expected to reap in return for the heavy expenses involved in making a world's fair exhibit.

The design prepared by St. Gardens for the official medals has not yet been accepted and it is still even uncertain whether the work may be done by the United States mint. The plan of the treasury, which is very detailed and contemplates medals of elegant workmanship, would require four or five months, as it would necessitate the stamping of some of the medals 400 or 500 times. But a cheaper process of manufacture has been suggested which would make it possible to turn out the 25,000 in a few weeks. This does not meet with much favor, however, and unless the indignant exhibitors bring the matter to the attention of congress it is not likely the medals will be ready before next summer.

The treasury department suggests that the delay is attributable to Mr. Thatcher, the designer, who should have furnished the designs months ago, in order that the manufacture might have been begun at a much earlier date.

They are Going to Fight.

BRIDGEPORT, Nov. 14.—Articles of agreement were signed here for a ten round fight between Tommy Ryan, now of this city, and Dick Egan, well known in sporting circles as the "Mountain Kid." The contest will take place near here within a few weeks for a purse of \$500, the winner to take all and the gate receipts. Ryan is backing himself, while Mike Haley, a southern sport, is putting up the money for Egan. The men will fight at 140 lbs. Egan has met Jack Dempsey, young Mitchell, Charley Turner and Billy Hennessey, and is considered a clever fighter.

Attempt to Murder.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 14.—A vicious attempt at double murder, followed by an attempt to commit suicide, took place on Davenport street at noon yesterday. Michael McNamara shot and probably wounded Mrs. Ellen Sweeney and her daughter Mary and then shot himself in the head. McNamara will die. She latter boarded with the Sweeney family. The cause of the shooting is unknown.

Several Arrested.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 14.—The society of Coblins has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the person who attempted to rob their bank and murder Secretary and Treasurer Herriek on Friday last. Several parties answering the description of the man have been arrested, but Colonel Herriek fails to identify his assailant among them, and the suspects will be released. The police now express the belief that the fellow was simply a bold thief and not of the crank type.

Died of Alcoholism.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 14.—Phil V. Taylor, a prominent attorney, was found dead yesterday morning by his partner and janitor. Taylor had been indicted for forgery and would soon have gone to trial. Since his indictment he has been drinking constantly.

They Could not Agree.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 14.—The jury in the case of Frank Porterfield, cashier of the Commercial National bank, indicted for fraudulent payment on a note out of the funds of the bank, reported to United States District Judge Sage that they could not agree. A mistrial was accordingly entered. A poll showed that eight were in favor of conviction and four for acquittal. This is only one of a number of indictments against Porterfield.

A New Version.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Captain J. S. Hassler, formerly chief clerk of the Interior department, and now receiver of the land office at Enid, Okl., is in Washington. He brings a new version of the complaints about the opening of the Cherokee Strip. The opening, he says, was generally satisfactory and the complaints come from those who desire to make trouble and bring the administration into disrepute. Captain Hassler says the chief promoters of dissatisfaction are a small faction of democrats, who were angered by the fact that the land officers and other officials sent to Oklahoma and the Strip were from outside the Territory. The sending of outside men, he said, broke up the schemes formed to capture the best land in the Strip, and a number had missed an opportunity of making the money that they had anticipated. To these disappointed democrats were joined some republicans who were anxious to make political capital out of the affair, and this resulted in all the charges, complaints and calls for investigation. He says the outcome will be a vindication of the pursued by the department.

Still Kept in Dark.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—It appears that the department of state has heard from Minister Willis by telegraph from San Francisco, for it is learned that dispatches received at the department confirm the press reports of Minister Willis' arrival at Honolulu and other events up to the time of departure of the China.

The Hawaiian minister, Dr. Thurston, called at the department and was privately in conference with Secretary Gresham until the hour set for the meeting of the cabinet. The secretary still declines to make any statement touching Hawaiian affairs, and it is believed that if he had any intention of making public at this time Mr. Blount's report of Mr. Willis' instructions that idea has been abandoned, and that the next official statement that will be given to the public from the department will probably appear in the communication to congress of the entire correspondence, relating to Hawaii, which has passed since President Harrison sent the annexation treaty to the senate.

Minister Thurston had a second interview with Secretary Gresham shortly after the cabinet meeting. The conference was devoted to the discussion of the Hawaiian situation and lasted three-quarters of an hour. Mr. Thurston said the interview developed nothing new and that the matters talked over had already been made public.

Annual Church Congress.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The fifteenth annual congress of the Episcopal church was opened with holy communion yesterday at St. Bartholomew's church Madison avenue and Forty-fourth street. It was expected that Bishop Potter would preside at the meetings and his absence in Europe is a great disappointment. Bishop Dudley of Kentucky occupied the chair at the opening proceedings. The address of welcome was delivered by the Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts. There was a large attendance of prominent ministers. The session will last four days and the remainder of the meetings will be held at Chickering hall. The first of these took place at 8 p. m., when Bishop Dudley delivered the inaugural address after which the assembly discussed the topic, "What Shall Be Done With the Saloon?" "Moral and Religious Education in the Public Schools" will be discussed tomorrow morning, and the "Use and Abuse of Rituals" in the evening. All the sessions will be open to the general public, and especially those people interested in the subjects under discussion.

Knights of Labor Session.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15.—The seventeenth annual session of the general assembly of the Knights of Labor began yesterday morning. General Master Workman Powderly read his annual report. After referring to the work done by the order, Mr. Powderly replied to the attacks made upon him by protestant clergymen, who charged that he was conspiring with the Roman Catholic church to overthrow the country. He says: "There is but one conclusion to arrive at. No sensible protestant has anything to do with these matters. No self-respecting man could descend to such depths of slander and villainous misrepresentation." He then asked that a committee of men who are not affiliated with the Roman Catholic church be appointed to investigate and report upon the charges. He denied that the present meeting would be the last one. He spoke in favor of free silver and made numerous recommendations. The session will probably continue twelve days.

Steamer Stranded.

SALT LAKE, Mich., Nov. 15.—The big steamer Centurion, the largest boat on the great lakes, is stranded at the middle ground, Round Island. She went ashore last night and her forward compartments are taking water. Tugs have gone with lighters to try and release her.

The Order Granted.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The motion made a few days ago in behalf of Russell Sage to strike out the reply of Della Keegan to his defense that her action to recover \$50,000 damages for breach of promise was barred by the statute of limitations, was granted yesterday morning in the court of common pleas by Judge Bookstaver. The judge grants the motion with costs and also grants an order dismissing, on its merits, the complaint in its action.

NEBRASKA NEWS.

Rushville has a public reading room. Corn in Dodge county yields fifty to sixty bushels per acre.

Fred Volk of Battle Creek is very low with typhoid fever.

A bar association has been organized by the attorneys of Ord.

The brick work is completed for a new plow factory at Superior.

The Columbus Journal has been running almost a quarter of a century.

Cholera is working havoc among the hogs in the neighborhood of Tekamah.

C. H. Boetcher of Colfax county is feeding 5,000 sheep for the winter market.

Rev. J. W. Knott has been installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Holdrege.

The Northeast Nebraska Teachers association will meet at Emerson, December 2.

Kearney talks of making a movement for "better roads" by paying the main business street.

Colonel Buffalo Cody has turned over \$2,000 of his world's fair profits to the churches of North Platte.

Wallace has organized a coarsing club, and its first tournament will be held on Thanksgiving day.

A good many country papers crowded out much valuable news to make room for a poultry display.

J. L. Thirtierye is the name of a man living out at Seneca. What's his matter with making it forty.

Ed. A. Fry of the Niobrara Pioneer felt good enough over the election to issue a pink edition of his paper.

The sugar factories are making prices in their contracts for next year at the same rates as this—45 a ton.

J. W. Hills of Dawson county has 250 acres of winter wheat that promises a big crop. It was sown with drills.

Bishop Newman will lecture at Norfolk next week. The receipts of the lecture to be used in the church building fund.

Hon. W. H. H. Miller of Indianapolis, attorney general in President Harrison's cabinet, is at Broken Bow on business.

While shingling a house at Coalgton M. H. Wilson and R. E. Pitt were thrown to the ground and considerably injured.

S. A. Mosher, station agent of the Elkhorn at Hastings, has been promoted to the position of traveling freight agent.

The Naperville Press announces the election of Holcomb, by from 7,000 to 10,000. Naperville has need of telegraph service.

Dr. Corder of Rushville attempted to end his life at the Indian agency by cutting his throat. He failed to reach an artery and will get well.

Fairechild and Garwood's general merchandise store was organized the other night and the sneaks escaped with about \$300 worth of plunder.

The people of Desler are feeling blue over the ruin wrought by the flames, but are not disposed to give up the ship. The burnt district will be rebuilt.

Colonel W. T. Howard of the Schuyler sun has been elected school superintendent of Colfax county for the fourth time. You can't keep a good man down.

G. Webster Wiltse has sued a correspondent of the Randolph Times for \$10,000 damage to his fair name and fame. Ten to one he would be glad to compromise for \$35.

The Ord Journal, an independent paper, which has been for the last two years under the management of Dr. J. M. Kiker, has been sold to B. A. Brewster of Omaha.

The Norfolk mills have secured another government contract for 70,000 pounds of flour. These mills have furnished Uncle Sam with 135,000 pounds of flour this fall.

A disappointed paper out west says: "There are times in every man's life when he feels that he would like to cut loose from everything and run, if he only knew where to run to."

The greatest whoop from mortal lungs, says the Randolph Times, spread itself on the air Wednesday morning when your Uncle Jim Harmon gave vent to his joy over the republican landslide.

The sure-cure medicine men of Fremont have found it necessary to secure a four story building for their growing business. If anything ails you they have the panacea. Full directions on the bottle. See testimonials.

While riding his bicycle on the sidewalk at Columbus, Editor Killian collided with an ancient enemy, who smote him once for his carelessness and several times on old scores. It cost the editor \$3 for violating an ordinance and the other fellow \$10 for assault.

The third annual missionary conference and state convention of the Nebraska Gospel Union will be held in Fairmont, November 20, to December 3. The V. M. C. A. of Fairmont provide free entertainment for all who attend. Parties planning to go should notify T. M. Wright.

Miss Dolly Gandy of Table Rock was made dangerously ill by having used a knife to spread a piece of bread that her father, who is a physician, had carelessly left on the table after compounding a prescription with it. The mistake was not discovered until the young lady was very sick. She will recover.

Thirty-five equal suffrage votes passed at Table Rock on election day, carrying a banner on which was inscribed "Equality Before the Law."