

Church Notes.

BAY CITY, Mich., May 11.—Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids and Father Matkowski, pastor of Saint Stanislaus Polish church of this city, were pounced upon by the Father Tureki faction of the congregation and badly need yesterday morning. Matkowski was struck several times and his cassock and surplice were torn to shreds. The bishop was kicked by an enraged Pole, but not seriously injured. His robes were also torn.

Saint Stanislaus church was closed two weeks ago, when the adherents of Father Tureki, Father Matkowski's assistant, drove the senior priest from the parish. It was believed that the trouble had blown over and that the exposure of Tureki's attempt to blackmail Father Matkowski had brought them to their senses and caused them to desire the return of their old pastor, a man of great learning and high character. Bishop Richter and Father Matkowski opened the church yesterday morning and caused the sexton to toll the bell. The peals of the great bell brought hundreds of excited people to the church. They set upon Bishop Richter and the priest and drove them from the building. A few of the Matkowski faction attempted to preserve the clergymen from indignity, but were overpowered. The police and sheriff's force were called out, but were unable to quiet the mob.

The church was locked and Bishop Richter and Father Matkowski were escorted to a place of safety. Bishop Richter stated last night that he would open the church next Sunday. He has been assured of police protection by Mayor Wright. There was a great deal of inflammatory talking in the Polish quarter last night and it is feared that an attempt will be made to burn the church and convent before morning. Tureki, the cause of all the trouble, is a young man, only recently ordained to the priesthood. Father Matkowski discharged a housekeeper of whom Tureki was enamored. This caused Tureki to attempt to blackmail the venerable priest out of \$10,000. He did not get the money, but he spread stories reflecting on Father Matkowski's character, but they were disproved. Last week the new assistant housekeeper at Saint Stanislaus swore that Tureki had attempted to out age her.

Four Shot.

BLOUNTSTOWN, Fla., May 11.—Because of a woman, four men fought with pistols near this place yesterday afternoon. Three of the men were killed outright and the fourth was severely wounded. The killed are: Thomas House, Thomas Smith and Henry Smith, the two latter brothers.

The wounded man is George Harrison, a brother-in-law of the Smiths.

The fight occurred at the home of a Mrs. Johnson, whose favors were sought by Thomas House and Henry Smith. House and Smith had had a previous difficulty about the woman, in which House was victorious. Yesterday the Smith brothers, accompanied by George Harrison, called at the woman's house and found House there. A quarrel immediately arose and House was ordered to leave. He refused and with a revolver in each hand opened fire on his three assailants. The Smiths and Harrison all drew their weapons and a duel to the death followed in the same room. House's aim was deadly and the Smith brothers were soon corpses, pierced by many bullets. With only one cartridge left, House fired it at Harrison, the bullet shattering the latter's arm. Then House drew a box knife and sprang at Harrison. He slipped in the blood, however, and before he could regain his feet Harrison shot him through the heart. Each of the Smith boys was shot four times, and House was struck in six places. Besides the wound in the left arm, Harrison was shot in the leg.

Thomas House was a noted desperado. Two years ago he killed a man in south Florida and fled to Alabama. There he killed another man and fled to this country, where he has since remained unmolested by officers because of his desperate character.

Prayed in Court.

CINCINNATI, O., May 11.—William Palmer, who is postmaster at Wyoming, created a sensation in Judge Saylor's court Saturday by falling upon his knees and with face upturned to heaven asking the curse of Divinity to rest upon Mrs. Josephine Fisher, his sister-in-law. The court had just adjourned. Mrs. Fisher paid no attention to the man at her feet, and after he had ceased his invocation he arose and left the building, while the members of the family stood around weeping over the actions of their father.

The case was for a partition of the estate of Palmer's wife, who died. It was brought by Mrs. Fahey, one of the daughters. Palmer endeavored to set up a contract with his wife by which he was to hold the estate, but he failed, and he was not given a place in the distribution. This made him angry, and the scene followed.

Wagon Works Burned.

ZEELAND, Mich., May 11.—The carriage and wagon works owned by DePre & Ellenbas of this city were totally destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$25,000, with no insurance.

Oregon O. K.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., May 11.—The battleship Oregon arrived from San Francisco yesterday. The run down the coast was a surprise to the naval officials and Admiral Beardsley smiled with confidence when he asserted that the Oregon was the fastest craft of her class afloat. Her average speed on the downward journey was 13.5 knots under ordinary draught. When called upon for a spurt she logged 16.34 knots and still had speed in reserve.

WEYLER'S RESIGNATION IN

Ordered to Remain at His Post and Work.

CAPTAIN GENERAL IS QUITE SICK

Our Men Will Not be Executed—Unless Sam Will Step In

HAVANA, May 12.—The report that Captain-General Weyler had resigned because of the action of the home government in the case of the Competitor filibusters is true, but it is not accepted with confidence by the public here. It is understood that the government refused to accept the resignation and ordered General Weyler to remain at his post under the present circumstances.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—In the Competitor case it can be authoritatively stated that at the request of the United States the Spanish government will postpone execution of the death sentence upon American citizens until the views of the United States respecting the application to their cases of the treaty of 1795 and the protocol of 1877 can be presented and considered.

The announcement of the postponement of the executions means a delay of some weeks at least, and that the matter will be taken up by the diplomatic representatives of the United States and Spain and be made the subject of an exchange of correspondence on the interpretation to be given to the treaty provisions between the two nations. Meanwhile the effect will be to allay popular excitement, both here and in Spain.

The action of the state department in insisting upon a retrial at least of the American prisoners is evidently in answer to the contention of the court-martial that the Cushing protocol of 1877, did not apply to the present case.

MADRID, May 12.—There are evidences of growing popular excitement in Spain over the attitude of the United States government toward the question of the filibusters captured on board of the Competitor. The riots and outbreaks of popular hatred toward the United States at the time of the passage through congress of the resolution favoring the recognition of the Cubans as belligerents have not been forgotten and the sentiments which caused them are but smoldering. The Spanish government has, on all possible occasions, expressed its appreciation of, and satisfaction with, the efforts made by the United States government to prevent as far as lay in its power the giving of unlawful aid to the Cuban insurgent citizens of the United States. But the widespread sympathy felt for the insurgents in the United States is well recognized by the Spanish people and the news of expeditions from the United States landed from time to time in Cuba creates intense irritation.

CAPE MAY, N. J., May 11.—From an incident which occurred at sea off here today it may be that the steamship Laurada took no conditions of war aboard near New York, but that she received her cargo outside the three mile limit this afternoon. A large steamer was noticed by people on the shore today lying to, some miles out and blowing off steam. Closer in shore was a schooner hove to. This afternoon a tug came down the coast from the north and another steamed out of Delaware bay. The tugs took the schooner in tow and steamed out where the steamship was. The tugs and the schooner were alongside the steamer for a long time, and what was unmistakably a transfer of cargo from the sailing vessel to the steamship was made. After the transfer had been made the tugs steamed away and the steamship soon disappeared below the horizon, going in a southeasterly direction.

SPANIARDS CLAIM VICTORIES. HAVANA, May 11.—Colonel Segura reports having had an engagement with a large rebel force near Cieneguilla, a short distance from Remedios, in which the insurgents lost eleven killed. The rebels retreated and were followed by the troops. The latter, in their pursuit, met another force of 1,500 insurgents under command of Orrillo. After two hours' fighting the rebels were dislodged from the strong position occupied by them. They left sixteen dead on the field. The troops then attacked a rebel fortified camp, and dislodged the insurgents, who lost twenty-seven killed. They carried their wounded with them on the retreat. The Spaniards lost in all the engagements one officer and four soldiers killed and two officers and sixteen soldiers wounded.

Insurgents attacked the forts guarding the town of Artemisa, but were repulsed. Colonel Solomayer reports that he met the rebels led by Lazo Brothers, who were encamped near Remedios. A hot fight ensued which resulted in the defeat of the insurgents with a loss of twenty killed. The Spanish loss was one killed and three wounded.

Manerto Romero, a rebel leader, has been sentenced to death at Cienfuegos. Ygnacio Viart, convicted of rebellion and incendiarism, was shot this morning at Matanzas.

Source of the Missouri. ST. PAUL, Minn., May 12.—Col. J. V. Brower, state geographer of Minnesota, has discovered that the source of the Missouri river is 4,221 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. He finds the largest upper branch of the Missouri does not flow through the lower Red Rock lake, in Montana, but comes from a hole in the mountains, volcanic in its true character, at the summit of the Rocky mountains, west of Henry's lake, Idaho, and at a point bordering the state.

Weyler Talks. HAVANA, May 13.—General Weyler authorizes the statement that the proceedings of the court martial in the case of Milton and others were forwarded to Madrid for the action of the government by the mail steamer leaving Havana May 10. General Weyler also states that all rumors that he or any of his generals have threatened to resign if the sentence of the court martial in this case should be modified are utterly untrue.

"Agora" Magazine Not Dead. ABILENE, Kan., May 13.—The report in the state press that the Agora magazine, edited by T. E. Dewey, of this city, for some years, is suspended, is false. Its present owner, F. B. McKinnon, of Lawrence, has been called away, and the publication has been delayed. Several newspaper men are endeavoring to secure possession of the magazine.

Baskets Must Go. CHICAGO, May 14.—The fond father, the admiring uncle and the doting brother, who have been in the habit of strapping baby into a basket or other contrivance and giving the youngster a ride on the bicycle must forego that sort of amusement or incur the liability of prosecution. Such is the edict of the Illinois humane society.

Smelling Committee. WASHINGTON, May 13.—Mr. Morse (dem., Mass.), from the committee on alcoholic liquor traffic, reported to the house today, with the recommendation that it pass a bill providing for the appointment by the president of a commission of five persons whose duty it shall be to investigate the alcoholic liquor traffic, its relation to revenue and taxation, and its general economic, criminal, moral and scientific aspects in

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The City of Sherman Visited by a Twister.

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Injured List Very Long and Damages to Property Placed High.

SHERMAN, Tex., May 16.—The city of Sherman was visited by the worst cyclone in the history of north Texas about 5 o'clock yesterday morning. The loss of life will probably reach 100 with as many more bruised and wounded.

The city hall and the store room recently occupied by S. G. Holmes have been turned into temporary hospitals and eighteen bruised, mangled and mutilated bodies are awaiting identification at these two places. Nearly every house in Fairview addition was turned into a hospital and the citizens rendered all the aid possible.

The path of the destroyer was 170 yards wide. It struck the city at the west end of Post Oak creek and swept in a westerly direction for several blocks and then spread out and spent its force. The track of the cyclone is a gruesome sight, the devastation being complete. Houses, trees, fences, in fact everything in its path was destroyed.

It is said that the cyclone struck the ball park while a game was in progress and that part of the Sherman and of the San Antonio team and many spectators were killed.

All telegraph wires to Sherman have been down since 4:30 yesterday afternoon.

LIST OF KNOWN DEAD.

Following is the list of dead so far as known: R. L. Burns, wife and two children. Mrs. Otto Paulson and two children. James Nicholson, wife and two children. T. H. Montgomery, wife and two children. John Ames, wife and two children. Rev. Mr. Shearer. Eight members of the Pearce and Richardson families at the Wakefield farm.

Child of Mrs. Craighead. Mrs. Burns and two children. Mrs. James Davis. Mrs. John Fields. Lucinda Lake, colored. Charles Cox, colored. Eliza Cox, colored. Rosina Lake, colored. Sloan Ballinger, colored. Katie Ballinger, colored. William Nickerson and four children, colored.

Wright Clark and three members of his family, colored. Mrs. Athens. Eighteen unidentified dead at the city hall.

Dr. Sadler, who has not been seen since the storm, believed to have been killed.

THE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Professor and Mrs. Kahler. Six children of J. B. Irwin. Edward True. Both Grays Hill and Fairview were badly damaged. The cyclone passed directly west of the North Texas female college, barely missing it. For two or three blocks everything in its path was swept aside. Then it would rise for a block or two and little damage would be done.

B. B. Sales, a deliveryman, drove down Houston avenue directly after the cyclone. He stated that he saw at least seven men, women and children lying along the avenue dead and many wounded. The devastation in spots where the cyclone was the worst is complete.

Capley's fine residence was blown to pieces. His wife and two children were in a closet, but fortunately escaped without injury.

Not a thing remains to mark the spot where only a few hours before stood the magnificent residence of Colonel Burgess. His family was absent from the house at the time.

Appointments.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The president yesterday sent to the senate the following nominations: John Fowler of Massachusetts, to be consul of the United States at Che Foo, China.

Robert Lee Jenkins of North Carolina, to be consul of the United States at Patras, Greece.

William Lochren of Minnesota, to be United States district judge for the district of Minnesota, vice Rensselaer R. Nelson, resigned.

Dominic I. Murphy of Pennsylvania, now first deputy commissioner of pensions, to be commissioner of pensions, vice William Lochren, resigned.

Napoleon J. T. Dana of New Hampshire, to be first deputy commissioner of pensions, vice Murphy, resigned.

Experiences a Storm.

MENSAPOLES, May 16.—A special to the Journal from Worthington says: A tornado struck this place Thursday night, demolishing twenty buildings. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt.

Strikers Repentant.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 16.—A committee of citizens and strikers met the representatives of the electric road yesterday and declared themselves willing to return to work at the old rate of 19 cents per hour and to drop the demand of recognition of the union in case the company take back the strikers in a body and dismiss the "scabs" so far employed. The company, however, refused to do the latter, but it is hoped that it will accede.

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SHERMAN, Tex., May 16.—The city of Sherman was visited by the worst cyclone in the history of north Texas about 5 o'clock yesterday morning. The loss of life will probably reach 100 with as many more bruised and wounded.

The city hall and the store room recently occupied by S. G. Holmes have been turned into temporary hospitals and eighteen bruised, mangled and mutilated bodies are awaiting identification at these two places. Nearly every house in Fairview addition was turned into a hospital and the citizens rendered all the aid possible.

The path of the destroyer was 170 yards wide. It struck the city at the west end of Post Oak creek and swept in a westerly direction for several blocks and then spread out and spent its force. The track of the cyclone is a gruesome sight, the devastation being complete. Houses, trees, fences, in fact everything in its path was destroyed.

It is said that the cyclone struck the ball park while a game was in progress and that part of the Sherman and of the San Antonio team and many spectators were killed.

All telegraph wires to Sherman have been down since 4:30 yesterday afternoon.

LIST OF KNOWN DEAD.

Following is the list of dead so far as known: R. L. Burns, wife and two children. Mrs. Otto Paulson and two children. James Nicholson, wife and two children. T. H. Montgomery, wife and two children. John Ames, wife and two children. Rev. Mr. Shearer. Eight members of the Pearce and Richardson families at the Wakefield farm.

Child of Mrs. Craighead. Mrs. Burns and two children. Mrs. James Davis. Mrs. John Fields. Lucinda Lake, colored. Charles Cox, colored. Eliza Cox, colored. Rosina Lake, colored. Sloan Ballinger, colored. Katie Ballinger, colored. William Nickerson and four children, colored.

Wright Clark and three members of his family, colored. Mrs. Athens. Eighteen unidentified dead at the city hall.

Dr. Sadler, who has not been seen since the storm, believed to have been killed.

THE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Professor and Mrs. Kahler. Six children of J. B. Irwin.