

SIX FIREMEN PERISH.

GO DOWN TO DEATH BE-NEATH FALLING WALLS.

Allied "Fireproof" Building Destroyed—Three Persons Fatally Injured by Jumping for Their Lives—Big Clothing Firm with Many Employees Burned Out.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Two disastrous fires have occurred here within twenty-four hours in large buildings in the center of the business section, supposed when constructed, to have been practically fireproof. In the first there was a total loss of not less than \$300,000, while there were many narrow escapes.

The first fire started in the Excelsior building, owned by Warren Shringler, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and destroyed it and the adjoining eight story building in less than an hour. Thirteen valuable manufacturing plants in the two buildings were destroyed and hundreds of men and women employed in the factories had narrow escapes.

The second fire broke out this morning in the seven story terra cotta exchange building at Nos. 276 to 278 Market street extending in an "L" to Van Buren street. The first and second floors were occupied by Stein & Biers, clothing; the third and fourth by Henry Newman, clothing; fifth, Amazon Clothing Company; sixth, Fallows & Co., collars and cuffs; seventh, Townsend & Gale, clothing and dry goods and the National Thread Company. Each of the firms employed women and as soon as the presence of the fire was made known all were thrown into a state of great excitement.

The escape of Olga Kellar is reported as marvellous. When the room where she was working began to fill with smoke she ran to one of the windows overlooking Van Buren street and climbed out on the ledge, clinging with one hand to the narrow strip of wood on the outside of the sash. She saw a few feet below her the ladder on which two firemen stood, and she prepared to jump, but was restrained until Captain Hermanson had almost reached her. Then she released her hold on the window siding, having been overcome by the smoke.

AMERICANS MAY SUFFER.

Many Rich Plantations in Cuba Owned in This Country.

HAVANA, Nov. 23.—American-owned sugar property in Cuba worth \$20,000,000 is jeopardized by General Maximo Gomez's recent order to destroy every estate whose owner tries to make sugar this winter. Consul General Williams, who has been in the sugar business in Cuba or in close touch with it for more than forty years, thinks that estimate is not too high.

FOREIGN MAIL SERVICE.

Facts and Figures From the Annual report of Superintendent Brooks. WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—N. M. Brooks, superintendent of foreign mails, has made his annual report to the second assistant postmaster general. The report shows that there were dispatched during the year 895,017 pounds of letters and 4,968,241 pounds of other articles, a decrease from the year before of 47,921 pounds of letters and an increase of 16,643 pounds of other articles. The estimates for the foreign mail service for the year ending June 30, 1897, aggregate \$2,030,000.

MISSOURI DEMOCRATS.

The State Central Committee is for Harmony.

St. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 23.—A long stride toward harmony in the ranks of the Missouri Democracy was taken at the Southern hotel this morning when twelve members of the old State central committee voted to recognize and take into the fold the nineteen members added to the committee at the convention held at Pertle Springs last summer.

The motion to recognize the silverites was made by J. W. Zevely of Jefferson City, and every member of the old committee present voted aye. R. C. Steurer, committeeman from the Tenth district, was absent, and Bernard Corrigan, committeeman from the Fifth district, was at the hotel, but did not participate in the meeting. A lively debate followed regarding the time when the joint and harmonized committee should meet. A recess was taken until noon with the question still unsettled.

The action taken by the committee is considered a victory by the silverites, but the Francis faction contends that it was animated by the highest of party motives in admitting the Pertle Springs members.

The committee met after the noon recess and quickly completed the love feast which is expected to enroll Missouri again in the ranks of Democratic States. Twenty-two members out of the thirty-four were present at the second meeting, including George W. Allen, J. M. Christian, J. A. Knott and John W. Booth of the Pertle Springs committee. A resolution was made and carried that the amalgamated committee should meet here at the Platters hotel Tuesday, December 3.

CONTESTS WARMING UP.

All of the Aspirants for Places in the House at Work.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The canvass for the principal offices at the disposal of the next House of Representatives is becoming more animated. The elective offices are those of clerk, with a salary of \$5,000, sergeant-at-arms, \$4,500, doorkeeper, \$3,000, postmaster, \$2,500, and chaplain, \$200. There are from two to seven candidates for each of these places, the highest being in the race for chaplain.

The majority of candidates for the principal places have opened headquarters in the Ebbitt house and Willard's hotel, and their respective rooms are constantly thronged, though comparatively few of the members of the House have arrived, the visitors being composed largely of those who hope to secure appointive positions.

DEBS FREE ONCE MORE.

The A. R. U. Leader's Jail Term Ended—Demonstrations in His Honor.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Eugene V. Debs became a free man again at 12 o'clock last night, his term of six months' imprisonment in the Woodstock jail having come to an end while he was asleep in his cell. A party of 300 admirers and friends left for Woodstock this afternoon to meet Debs and escort him here.

A delegation of the Trades Assembly of Cincinnati arrived over the Big Four and another from the A. R. U. of Cleveland over the Nickel Plate this morning to take part in the meeting, which will be held in Battery D in the evening.

Hill Leases a Dwelling.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—The Times-Herald correspondent telegraphs that Senator David B. Hill of New York has leased a large house on I street, in the most fashionable quarter of Washington, and expects to take possession soon after the meeting of Congress. He is either going to be married or is going to avoid the discomforts of hotel life in the capital.

MORE TURKISH TROUBLES.

Twenty Villages Burned and Inhabitants Massacred.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 23.—Twenty villages have been burned in the northwestern portion of the district of Aleppo and the inhabitants have been massacred, and it is reported that the Kurds are gathering on the borders of the Euphrates, preparing to march into Syria for the purpose of massacring the Christians.

Telegrams from Marash late yesterday, apparently recently delayed by the Turkish officials, report that the American and other missionaries there are again in the greatest danger. In view of the repeated assurances which United States Minister Terrell has received from the porte on his insisting that they be safely guarded, this has caused much anxiety.

Advices from Sivas assert that as soon as the reinforcements of the Turkish troops arrive there, the Turkish officials will notify the Armenians that they must surrender all the arms and ammunition in their possession.

Members of the diplomatic corps hold that the projected measures against the Armenians create a new danger which may have the most grave consequences. The concentration of Turkish troops at Marash continues as rapidly as possible. While this massing of soldiers continues the Turkish commander at Marash continues his negotiations with the Armenians of Zeitoun, holding out all sorts of promises for their surrender. But the Armenians have been so frequently deceived that they apprehend nothing less than a wholesale massacre if they lay down their arms.

Probably the most serious feature of the situation at present is the one resulting from the demand which the representatives of Great Britain, Russia, Italy and Austria made to the sultan for firearms allowing the passage through the Dardanelles to this city of a second dispatch boat or small gunboat, to be attached to each of their respective embassies. By the treaty of Berlin the war ships of foreign nations are not allowed to pass the Dardanelles without the permission of the sultan, and it has hitherto been customary to allow only one small dispatch boat as a kind of guard ship for each of the embassies.

Then the powers may take steps to send additional warships here without the permission of the sultan.

Corn Doesn't Pay for Marketing.

MASON CITY, Iowa, Nov. 23.—Seventeen crews have been laid off on the Iowa and Dakota division of the Milwaukee, occasioned by farmers holding their grain for a rise in price.

A Court Clerk Short.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 23.—It is stated that the expert examination of the accounts of Colonel Matt Adams, clerk of the District court, who disappeared after tendering his resignation, will show a large shortage. It is known that over \$5,000 fees were never turned over to the county treasurer.

Big Gold Shipment This Week.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Half a dozen firms engaged gold to day for shipment to-morrow, the aggregate amounting to \$1,500,000, making \$7,350,000 altogether, which have been taken this week.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Wm. G. Rockefeller, Jr., and Miss Elsie Stillman were married at New York.

Two negro women were murdered and mutilated with an ax near Russellville, Ark.

It is hinted that Librarian Spofford will not have his offenses condoned by the President.

The Noel flouring mills, the largest in the South, have been ordered sold at receiver's sale.

An effort is to be made to have Congress economize on expenses of congressional funerals.

Samuel J. Hunter was appointed Judge Head's successor in the Second supreme district of Texas.

A court of inquiry has been ordered to investigate hazing negro seamen by throwing them overboard.

Lieutenant Peary reported to the Brooklyn navy yard for duty. He will do to more Arctic exploring.

Three children in one family died within twenty-four hours at Denison, Tex., and two more are sick.

Marsene Johnson, city recorder of Galveston, Texas, has been indicted on a charge of assault to murder.

REFORMS IN PENSIONS.

Assistant Secretary's Suggestions.

Favorable Rights of Minor Children Should be More Clearly Defined—Proper Punishment for Embezzling Pension Money.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Judge Reynolds, assistant secretary of the interior, in his annual report recommends legislation which will define with more certainty the pensionable rights of minor children under the act of June 27, 1890, in those cases where the soldier dies leaving no widow surviving, the construction of the act on this point now being in much doubt and the title of such children being sustained only by implication.

The suggestion of a year ago for a more uniform rule for proof of marriage in pension cases is renewed. Stress is again laid upon the recommendation of the previous year for legislation which will secure for their maintenance, to wives and children of pensioners who unlawfully abandon those dependent upon them, a portion of the bounty paid to such pensioner, and also for legislation which will remedy the evils arising from the manner of making the quarterly payments by checks direct to the agencies to certain weak and incompetent persons, who on such occasions are subject to schemes of the disolute and induced to squander their pension money.

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IN HONOR OF SATOLLI.

Details of the Ceremony of Elevation to the Cardinalate Completed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The details of the ceremony of the elevation of Monsignor Satolli to the cardinalate are practically completed. The ceremony will occur December 15 at 10:30 o'clock at the cathedral in Baltimore. Archbishop Kain of St. Louis has been chosen to preach the sermon. The mass will be celebrated by Monsignor Satolli after the conferring of the berretta and in his new capacity of cardinal.

The first ceremony, preceding the mass, will be that of conferring the cardinalate upon Monsignor Satolli. This office will be performed by Cardinal Gibbons. At the conclusion Monsignor Satolli will leave the sanctuary and change his purple robes for those of cardinal.

WHITE HOUSE SENTRIES.

Weather Boxes Prepared for the Presidential Police Patrol.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The presidential sentry boxes, which were stored away at the opening of summer have been replaced about the ground at the north front of the White house. This indicates that it is proposed to continue through the coming winter the police patrol of the White house grounds, inaugurated by Secretary Thurston early in President Cleveland's present term.

These miniature houses are intended as places of refuge for the policemen detailed to guard the Presidential family during the stormy nights of winter. The executive mansion is well guarded by trusty men. A large force of watchmen is on duty inside of the mansion, all hours, night and day, and a continuous patrol is maintained by the local police.

FOOT BALL GAMES.

Yale Defeats Princeton and Pennsylvania Downs Harvard.

MANHATTAN, N. Y., Nov. 25.—The Yale-Princeton football was won by Yale by a score of 10 to 10.

Pennsylvania 17; Harvard, 14.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 25.—The greatest foot ball game of the season was played in the presence of upward of 10,000 spectators. Score: Pennsylvania 17, Harvard 14.

Ashantee Not to Be Trusted.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—In spite of the announcement that King Prempreh of Ashantee has agreed to the terms of Great Britain to all intents and purposes, preparations for the campaign against Coomastie, his capital, continue, as there is an indignity for expenses up to date and other details to be settled before Great Britain will be thoroughly satisfied with the practical protectorate which she is taking steps to assume over another slice of Africa.

General Coppinger Praises His Men.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—In his annual report Brigadier General John G. Coppinger, commanding the department of the Platte, says that the only disturbance during the last year necessitating the use of troops occurred last July in the Jackson Hole country. As he made this the subject of a special report to the secretary of war, he gives but a brief review of the facts and sides with the Indians. He praises the troops in every way.

United States Treasurer Morgan, in his annual report, says the net ordinary revenues of the government for the fiscal year ended June 30, were \$313,390,075, an increase of \$15,658,955 as compared with the year before; net ordinary expenditures, \$366,195,298, a decrease of \$11,328,981. Including the public debt the total receipts on all accounts were \$729,510,625, and the expenditures \$710,472,157. A further sum of \$31,157,700 was deposited in the treasury prior to the end of June on account of a purchase of gold coin to maintain the reserve, but was not formally covered in, and therefore does not appear in the accounts for the current year.

REWARDS BY THE SULTAN.

Persons Inciting Armenians to Riot Badly Wanted—Turks Not All to Blame.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 25.—The sultan has offered rewards for the discovery of the persons who recently posted revolutionary placards at the mosque and in many other public places, exciting the Armenians against the Mussulmans. A special committee has also been appointed to watch day and night until adequate results are obtained in the restoration of order among the Armenians.

VIENNA, Nov. 25.—Information received from the consuls in various parts of Turkey confirms the impression that the Armenian revolutionists are endeavoring to provoke further massacres in order to bring about the armed intervention of the powers.

The sultan receives many threatening letters. He has congratulated Baron Von der Goltz Pasha, who organized the mobilization of Turkish troops, on the speedy way in which the mobilization was carried out. The object now desired by the Sultan is to float a large loan abroad, as there is a serious want of money.

BURNED BY THE REBELS.

An Important Town in Cuba Almost Totally Destroyed.

HAVANA, Nov. 25.—Reports from Santa Clara are that the town of Guinda de Mariana, the most important in the district, has been entirely burned by the insurgents commanded by Roloff. A majority of the brick houses of the place and fifty palm huts were destroyed. Before the revolution there were 4,500 inhabitants there. The main wealth of the place was tobacco, coffee and cattle.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 23.—Carrier pigeons bring news of the successful landing in Cuba of an expedition which sailed from here last Sunday night. The party slipped away unobserved by the authorities and unknown to the Spanish spies. There were only a few men in the expedition, its principal object being to land arms and other munitions of war, of which a considerable quantity was carried.

SENATE ORGANIZATION.

The Democratic Steering Committee Hold a Secret Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The Democratic steering committee of the senate held a secret caucus here Wednesday of three hours duration, the news of which has just leaked out. The members who were present are very reticent as to what occurred, but it is known a thorough canvass was made of the Democratic situation with a view to deciding upon a line of policy in the next session. The question of the organization of the senate was discussed at length.

The committee did not reach a final conclusion on this matter, but when it adjourned there was a general understanding that unless future events should make a change desirable the committee will recommend to the Democrats in the senate to make no move whatever until the Republicans and Populists shall develop their plans.

WOMAN ON THE GALLOWS.

Amanda Cody Hanged in Puffed Sleeves and Gloves.

WARRENTON, Ga., Nov. 25.—Amanda Cody, a negress, and Florence English a negro youth of 20 years, were hanged yesterday for the murder of the woman's husband. They died singing a negro camp meeting melody. The woman wore a calico dress with puffed sleeves, and a pair of brown gloves and russet slippers. Both confessed.

Previous to the hanging English confessed the murder of a tramp. He struck Cody with a huge rock while sleeping in bed, Amanda crushed his skull with an ax afterward. They then carried the body to a swamp, burying it in a hole partly filled with water and covered it with wet leaves and mud. English revealed his murder to his mother, who had him arrested.

ATTEMPTS TO ASSIST.

At Lincoln Neb., startling developments were made in the trial of Washington Davis, charged with wrecking the Rock Island passenger train last year, and killing fifteen people.

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NEWS NOTES.

The income tax experiment has proved to be an expensive one for the government.

It is said that Republican senators will invite Populist senators to attend their caucus.

The English authorities of Jamaica who seized the ship Hor-a for carrying Cuban insurgents have released her.

Congressman Kirkpatrick of Kansas says that he doesn't think Oklahoma will be admitted to statehood by the present Congress.

Friends of Lieutenant Pogue, who was court-martialed for shooting at Colonel Crofton, are trying to have the President pardon him.

Salsbury's reply to Olney on the Venezuelan question is not expected to reach Washington in time to be treated in the President's message.

Fire in a coal mine has thrown 100 men out of work at Sparta, Ill.

It is proposed to erect a monument in honor of the late Dr. S. F. Smith, author of "America."

Secretary of State Headly attempted to stab Attorney John Brand in a courtroom at Georgetown, Ky.

Mark Harold failed to establish his identity as the son of Mrs. Menn, who was murdered with her niece near Laredo, Texas.

Mrs. Vanderbilt presented \$300 to the New York police pension fund for the order the coppers kept at her daughter's wedding.

At Louisville Ky., six boys who were digging a cave at Twenty-eighth and Grayson streets were buried by a cave-in of the bank. Two were badly injured and two escaped unhurt.

At a rousing meeting in Philadelphia, addressed by Governor Matthews of Indiana, strong resolutions were adopted calling upon Congress to request President Cleveland to recognize the Cuban republic without delay.

One hundred Armenians employed at the Whitling machine works at Whitesville, Mass., refused to work longer unless the firm would discharge four Turks, also employed by the company. The condition was not complied with and the Armenians at once stopped work.

The new comet discovered from the Lick observatory is increasing very rapidly in brightness, and will be visible to the naked eye in a few weeks.

The Kentucky court of appeals has upheld the statute imposing a 2 per cent tax on each \$100 business done in the state by foreign corporations. It is claimed that this will drive seven teen associations doing a business of \$500,000 from the state on account of being unable to compete with home firms.

The superintendent and other officials of the Great Northern have put all employees through an examination as to whether they belonged to the American Railway Union. Very few men could be found who would acknowledge they belonged to the order. It is believed that the company will request those who are affiliated with the order to withdraw from it or sever their connection with the road.

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