AN EXPLOSION OF MEAL DUST.

Its Force Sufficient to Shake the Earth for Nearly a Mile-Three Men Instantly

Chicago dispatch: Three men are known to have been killed, one fatally recess and congress will be particularly injured and a number of persons badly busy. Attempts will be made to call up bruised and shaken up early this morn- special legislation in which members of ing by an explosion of meal dust which the two houses are interested to get completely wrecked the three-story them out of the way before the considbrick building on North Halstead street, occupied by David Oliver as an oatmeal mill. Several adjoining buildings were also shattered. The explosion, which is the tariff bill which will, unless some occurred shortly after 2 o'clock, was ter- compromise be made, be under considrific, one shock being felt a mile away. eration daily to the exclusion of all Buildings in the immediate vicinity business. were bombarded with flying bricks and timbers, and nearly every pane of window glass within a radius of six blocks of the senate have been considering was smashed. Almost before the rum- seriously the question of the duration ble of the explosion had died away of the holiday recess. It was originally flames sprang from the wrecked mill and the whole place was ablaze in a few minutes. The fire spread with incred-christmas and New Year's day. ible rapidity, and when the first fire companies reached the scene they found a block of roaring flames to contend with. Engines were stationed at every available point around the blazing patch, and buildings that did not take fire at the outset were saved after the hardest kind of a fight. Sparks that were carried by the wind ignited buildings two blocks distant, and for half an hour the firemen had all they could do to prevent half a dozen serious conflagrations. It was nearly two hours before the flames were under con-

It was known that four men had been at work in the meal mill and about twenty in the planing mill next door. Besides these, the neighboring houses contained many men, women and children. The men at work in the planing mill made their escape a few of them badly hurt, but the majority only slightly injured. Hundreds of men searched anxiously for the missing millers and after some time one of them-John Holmes-was found lying in the ally across the street from the mill, ter- made, and that the motion will come ribly burned and lacerated. He was working in the second story of the mill when the explosion occurred, and was hurled through a window and across the street. He cannot live. No trace could be found of the other three men-Charles Miller, Charles Cooper and John Smith—and it is believed their bodies are buried in the debris,

The firemen are hopeful that no more lives were lost, but people living in the vicinity of the explosion are sure more bodies will be found when the debris is the house. A number of members are low him to be sacrificed in order to hold explored. This cannot be done for several hours.

Persons who were asleep in the buildforce of the explosion, and most of them were more or less seriously injured during the terrific bombardment of bricks and other debris. Many of the people escaped from the shattered building with great difficulty. The loss will aggregate

A batallion of twenty firemen and over a hundred volunteers are at work clearing away the ruins. Ernest Casper, one of the three known to be dead, was working in the cupalo at the time of the explosion. The cupalo was lifted almost entire and thrown a distance of sixty feet upon the south side of the street. The mutilated form of Casper is somewhere under the wreck.

John Christensen, a kiln man, is the second known victim. His body has not been found, and he may have been blown some distance by the force of the

Charles Miller, engineer, is also buried under the mass of debris, and it is thought his body will be found near the

The proprietor and manager of the mill were on the ground early this morning, but have been unable to learn positively the cause of the explosion. Each thinks that oat meal dust may have caused it, but the terrific force is unprecedented if this theory be accepted. No other reasonable explanation is offered, however, and an explosion of dust is accepted until a better reason can be found.

About 10:30 this morning the excavating party discovered the body of a man supposed to be that of Engineer Miller. The corpse was found on the north driveway of the mill and was covered with about three feet of debris. The face was mangled so it could not be recognized. The unfortunate man had evidently been blown from the boiler room clear to the driveway.

The boilers have been uncovered and are intact, which disposes of the theory that they had exploded. . The police say accept it. there is no evidence of the use of dynamite and it is now considered certain that mill dust was the material exploded.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS OF MR. CLEVELAND

Positive Denial of the Scandalous Stories

Heretofore Circulated. Chicago special: The Tribune this morning prints a long dispatch from its Washington correspondent relating to and that the country has been convulsed the scandalous stories which for the on account of that fact. They intipast year have been industriously circulated regarding the domestic relations of President Cleveland, and which were made conspicuous again a short time age by the publication of their nauseat- Harrison. It is that in states where ing details in a New York paper which is supposed to be the president's organ. The Tribune's correspondent called on Mrs. Secretary Whitney, who has been Mrs. Cleveland's most intimate friend in Washington, and in response to a request for her opinion regarding these stories, she talked to him at length, making the most positive and unqualified denial of them in their entireity. She related many charming incidents of the president's home life, which go to show that such stories as have been cir culated are manifestly absurd. Regarding the president himself, Mrs. Whitnev says that the stories that the president becomes intoxicated frequently are false as all the rest. He is a temperate man. She could not understand how der, These fellows, who are at war with people could give credence to the stories | all our institutions, feel perfectly happy about him, for he is gentle and consid- when they get into the order and sucerate. Mrs. Cleveland, she said, has ceed in stirring up quarrels. We have that the schemes of the canal committee been kept in ignorance of most of the no room for any kind of anarchists in will avert a crisis. The Credit Foncier stories and has never known the full ex- the country. They have opposed me tent to which the hideous scandal has and it has simply been a question of grown. After the Massachusetts minis- | whether they should go or I. So far I ter had made public his story last spring have come out ahead. The Knights of she wrote a note, which was given to Labor, it is true have declined in mem-the press at that time, saying how hap-py her life was, and later her mother ebb and flow. But now we are prosperwrote a kind note about her son-in-law. ous and the membership is growing.

Mrs. Cleveland has not known but that We are not opposed to strikes, but bethese statements were sufficient to kill lieve in reason before strikes, not strikes the scandal. Mrs. Whitney gave the and reason afterwards. Sometimes we reporter full permission to quote all she | are compelled to strike, but it is often

A Battle With Counterfeiters.

Sharon (Pa.) special: Agents of the United States secret service succeeded in capturing three counterfeiters in a in capturing three counterfeiters in a wild part of Mercer county yesterday.

They offered a desperate resistance and ple in other callings of life, and the all three were slightly wounded in the struggle. They gave the names of Reigelman, Thompson and Martin. There is no conflict between the Nearly a half bushel of counteriest coin, knights and the trades unions. We can dies and other apparatus was captured with them. After having their wounds in securing new laws and the repeal of dressed at Greenville the trio were objectionable laws. There is more ne-taken to Titusville. They have been cessity at present for the repeal of bad operating for a long time and the arrest laws than there is for the enactment of is regarded as important.

A RUSH OF BUSINESS BEFORE HOLIDAYS.

Many Things to be Got Out of the Way Be

fore Temporary Adjournment. Washington special: The coming week will be the last before the holiday eration of the more important appropriation bills is begun.

In the senate the unfinished business

The members of the finance committee and of the appropriation committee intended to make this recess but ten

The proposition made to the house last week for an adjournment from Friday next until Janury 7 meets with the disapproval of the leading members of both appropriation committees and as the bills which are in their charge must be considered to the exclusion of all other business, it is thought that their wishes will have some weight with the members of both houses. Adjournment will be probably had on Friday or Saturday next. Meantime, there is every reason to believe that the tariff bill will be under discussion to the exclusion of all other business.

To-morrow, in the morning hour, Senator Riddleberger's resolution for the reorganization of the senate after January 1 will come up for consideration. Senator Riddleberger promises to make a speech in support of the resolution, and if he is in the chamber when it is taken up, he will undoubtedly carry out his promise. It is thought that the resolution will not be debated, and it is said that at the conclusion or Senator Riddleberger's speech will be from the democratic side of the house; that on this motion there will not be a Senator Riddleberger. However the litical views, they have no fault to find with him as a presiding officer.

It is possible that the District of Columbia appropriation bill will be reported to the senate before the end of the ings adjacent to the wrecked mill were unlikely that there will be a locking of Grenfell has recognized the letter enthrown clear out of their beds by the horns as to which measure shall take closed in Osman Digna's as the original pass the river and harbor bill under a khedive, which the latter handed suspension of the rules, but in the pres- Stanley at Cairo. Thus Stanley's capent temper of the house, and with a ture is virtually placed beyond a doubt. and have the bill considered later in the | the capture as yet.

> and again on Friday and it will probably be successful, unless the opponents

tactics to defeat it. The Oklahoma bill may also be called up and put on its passage. Should the friends of the river and harbor bill decide not to attempt to pass it Monday they will endeaver to have it considered. They will probably be antagonized by the appropriation committee with the legislative bill. Mr. Clements of Georgia is in charge of the bill in the absence Osman Digna's letter. They suggest of Gen. Forner, of Alabama, who is sick, the khedive's letter may be a copy stolen and has expressed a desire to pass the at Cairo, but they think it more likely bill at once. Should the legislative bill that Stanley sent on runners to Emin get before the house it will occupy one with the letters and that these runners and perhaps two days.

Blaine Not to be in the Cabinet.

Washington dispatch: The recent very positive statements that Mr. Blaine had been offered the position of secretary of state by the president-elect and that he had accepted it, it is discovered, have no more foundation than the myriad other reports which have been made as to other positions in the cabinet. An official dispatch received from Augusta by those who are in the confidence of Mr. Blaine gives an authoritative denial to the report that the state portfolio has been tendered to him and has been accepted by him. But the renewed publication of this report has made one fact very clear—that if the secretaryship of state shall be tendered to him, he will

Mr. Warner Miller is expected here early next week. He comes, it is understood, to consult with his friends Whatever may be the demands of Mr. Thomas C. Platt, Mr. Miller is of the opinion that he should receive a cabinet position. Some of Mr. Platt's friends, noticing how very much in earnest the friends of Warner Miller are, have suggested that under this administration New York has two places in the cabinet mate that Warner Miller is better qualified for the postoffice or interior department than for the treasury. One suggestion has recently been made by those who are quite near to General there are two factions, if the two factions cannot agree, there will be no cabinet officer appointed, and that General Harrison is of the opinion that it will be better that a state shall be without representation in the cabinet than that one faction should be permitted to triumph over another.

Weeding Out the Troublesome Elements. Columbus (O.) dispatch: General Master Workman Powderly, speaking last evening of the recent Indianapolis convention, said:

We are weeding out the troublesome elements. For some time there has been an anarchistic element in the orhad said and hoped it would be the last better to bear the ills we have than fly to others that we know not of. What we want is co-operation all around. I believe in the education of the workingmen. I do not mean that every workingman should have a college education, but that he should be educated to take

> work together in regard to legislation, l new laws.

STANLEY IS SURELY A PRISONER.

Emin Bey and the Great Explorer Held as Hostages for the Evacuation of Sankim.

London special: In a letter received at Saukim from Osman Digna, and which is supposed to have contained the announcement that Emin Pasha and a white traveler (presumably Stanley) had fallen into the hands of the mahdi, were inclosed copies of a dispatch from the Dervish leaders at Lado to Khalifa Pasha, giving the date of Emin Pasha's surrender as October 10, and a letter to Emin Pasha from the khedive, which was handed to Henry M. Stanley when he was at Cairo. It is rumored that Osman Digna in his letter expressed a and his white companion provided Egypt would abandon Saukim. If this proposal is not accepted it is believed both captives will be killed. The Brit- made at an early day. ish cabinet is now discussing the situa-

In the commons this afternoon Smith. government leader, replying to Wilfred Lawson, said that so far as was known to the government the letter written by Osman Digna annnounces the surrender of Emin Pasha and a white traveler. but the government had no means of knowing whether these allegations were

accurate information in the matter further than is generally known. It is the former's terms.

It is believed in the lobbies of the house to-night that England will be forced to treat with the successful commander for the evacuation of Suakim. for the government will not dare to sacrifice the prisoners, whom Osman Digna threatens to kill unless the town is abandoned. Public opinion in England already revolts against the Soudan expedition, and this latest phase of the affair intensifies the feeling. There can be scarcely any doubt that the white negative vote, except, perhaps, that of traveler mentioned as surrendering with Emin Bey is Stanley, as everything democratic senators may disagree with so far tends to confirm this opinion. Senator Ingalls in his personal and po- The balance of opinion has, for some time past, accepted the theory that Stanley had been working towards Emin, and, if not actually with him, was near him. Intense interest is felt here in the fate of the explorer, and no week. Monday is suspension day in one believes that the government will alvery anxious to have measures that Suakim. Further developments in the have been favorably reported from the matter are awaited with much anxiety. committees passed, and it is not at all Dispatches from Suakim state that Gen. precedence. An effort may be made to of the one which he drafted for the quorum seldom present its friends will The authorities of the Congo free state probably have to abandon the project have received no information regarding

The king of the Belgians is exceed-A determined effort will be made to ingly agitated regarding the reported pass the Nicaraguan canal bill Monday capture of Stanley and Emin Bay. He receives numerous dispatches in reference to the matter. The king admits of the measure resort to fillibustering that he was the largest subscriber to the expenses of Stanley's expedition.

The Independence Belge says: "England doubtless will do everything that is possible to be done to liberate the prisoners. Mr. Gladstone, too, bitterly regrets abandoning Emin Bay and Henry M. Stanley.

The Emin relief expedition committee are doubtful of the genuineness of were captured. In any case they are opeful that even if Emin is a captive, Stanley is still free.

BRIEFS FROM THE OLD WORLD. Lord Hartington has resigned from

the National Liberal club. The Russian artillery force in Poland has been ordered to be largely increased by February 13th next.

A female lion tamer was attacked by the beast under her charge during a performance in a menagerie at Hohenmath, Bohemia, and was so frightfully lacerated that she died.

Count William Bismarck, second son president of district of Hanover, the office being subordinate to that held by Herr Benigsen, who is president of the entire province.

In the consideration of the Scotch estimates in the house of commons John H. and means committee, said that he ex-McDonald, Q. C., lord advocate of Scotland, and W. H. Smith gave specific tes- unwise for it to be called to meet before timony that the Scotch business should have early consideration at the next session of parliament.

A banquet to celebrate the completion of the ninth edition of the encyclopædia was celebrated to-night. A number of celebrated writers were present. In a congratulatory speech Mr. Adam Black declared that the works owes its increased circulation to American enter-

Bishop Kimberly and Mr. Patrick O'Brien, member of parliament, recently paid a visit to Thomas Moroney, who has been in jail nearly two years for contempt of court in refusing to testify in the case of the Herbertstown tenants. He declares that he is in a semi-mad

The pope is about to dispatch a letter to the American bishops asking them to support morally and materially the scheme proposed by the bishop of Plaisance, to establish a seminary for the instruction and training of missionaries to give aid to Italian immigrants arriving in America.

The Panama canal loan and success of the Russian loan absorb public attention in Paris. Financiers have no hope directors maintain their refusal to advance funds to bolster up the Panama company without an explicit guarantee from the government.

Count Herbert Bismarck's expected exposition of the government's policy in east Africa was made known to the foreign committee of the reichstag on the 11th. Despite all the secresy it has transpired that Count Herbert declared that the government would take measares for the permanent security of the German possessions in east Africa but was not in a position to submit a positive plan to demand the attention of the committee.

man at the inauguration of President Harrison.

CONCERNING ADMISSION OF TERRITORIES

Held on the 19th

What Took Place in the Democ

Washington dispatch: The house democratic caucus to-night, after a session lasting over three hours, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this caucus provision should be made by which Dakota may be admitted into the union as one state or two states, as the people of the two states may hereafter determine. Also that necessary legislation ought to be provided for the early admission into the union of the territories of Washington, Montana and New Mexico. That these measures should all be embodied in one bill, willingness to surrender Emin Pasha either by amendment of the pending bill or otherwise, as the committee on territories shall determine, and that consideration of the measure shall be Utah, although not mentioned in the

resolution, it was agreed should be admitted into the union, but by a separate bill. Sixty members were in attendance at the caucus, and it was evident that they had come nearer to an understanding since the previous night. Mr. Cox opened the proceedings with a long speech, in concluding which he said that he opposed Utah coming in in the omnibus bill, but was willing to de-It is evident from the non-committal fer to the wish of the caucus and accept remembered, President Lincoln issued reply of Mr. Smith that the government that measure provided it were under- an order that no one should be executed is completely nonplussed, and has no stood that Dakota should have the privilege of division.

Messrs. Dockery of Missouri, Wheeler generally considered that Osman Digna of Alabama, Blount of Georgia, Mansur holds a trump card against which his of Missouri, Rice and Macdonald of the military prison in this city and made opponents are powerless to play, and Minnesota, Voorhees of Washington his way South, where he remained until that the government can only yield on Territory and others took the same

> Messrs, Oates and Herbert of Alabama, and McMillen of Tennessee, stoutly opposed the division of Dakota. Mr. McMillen declared that it would be political suicide for the democratic party to admit all these new states. The democratic party should go slow in the matter. Those proposed states were republican, and would continue to be re- er, and he worked in the same shop with the democratic party might take looking to their admission.

sight of temporararily in a discussion over the question whether Utah should be included in the omnibus bill. Delegate Cain, of Utah, made an earnest appeal for the inclusion of his territory in the proposed bill. He said that polygamy was now no longer practiced to any extent, and the democratic party should not undertake to deny Utah admission solely because of the religious belief of some of her citizens.

Mr. Breckenzidge, of Kentucky, seconded the appeal, saying that Utah would probably be the only democratic state in the lot, and ought to be ad-

vote showing a small majority in favor from prison in this city and was on his of the proposition, to prepare and to way South. He was in a quandary for present to the house a separate bill for the damission of Utah.

Speaker Carlisle and Judge Holman the omnibus bill to include the territories having a ratio of population entiling them to one member of congress. Mr. Cox closed the debate in a speech n which he asked the members to accept the proposition of Judge Holman, eaving the Dakota proposition to the people of that territory, and providing for the admission of the other territories The Holman resolution, mended by the suggestion of Speaker Carlisle, was then adopted and the caucus adjourned.

Probabilities for an Extra Session.

Washington special: From the very first, owing to the closeness of the next house, and the condition of legislative affairs, there has been a more or less general impression at the capital that the fifty-first congress would be called to meet in special session. In referring to the matter to-day, Representative Reed, of Maine, said that there are a great many things that seem to tend toward an extra session. It was, in his opinion, entirely too early to know certainly about it, but present conditions and circumstances seemed to indicate an early meeting. He said that he did not regard the failure of the he did not regard the failure of the democratic caucus last night as making Mexican war, inclusive, with a beautiit by any means certain that the territories would not be admitted. If they Count William Bismarck, second son were disposed to do the right thing of the chancellor, has been appointed there would be legislation on this thing this session. This he did not think would necessitate nor obviate an extra session. It would be but one thing out

of the way. Mr. Browne of Indiana, who is one of the republican members of the ways pected an extra session, but thought it October. His principal reason for opposing an earlier meeting was the annoyance the presence of congress and its attendant army of office seekers would be to the president on entering ipon his administration.

Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, said he was opposed to an extra session, but he very much feared that one would have to be called. "I think it will be so," he said. Both Mr. McKinley and Mr. Burrows have expressed the opinion that an extra session is very probable. The senators are very cautious about speaking on the subject of an extra session, except when in conference with their col-

Belleville (Ont.) dispatch: Fred Acklin of Ferry Point, a fireman on the

Fell in Love With His Sister.

steamer Mary Ethel, has eloped with his sister, the mother of six children. She has been living for several years with a man named Davy at Niagara and came home three months ago on a visit to her brother, who is married and has three children. The brother fell passionately in love with his own sister and the neighbors allege that their conduct has been unbecoming. Acklin's wife interfered, but he turned a deaf ear to her pleadings. Finally Mrs. Acklin, becoming disgusted, left the house and went to Picton. Learning that his wife intended to return home. Acklin took a boat, and with his sister rowed across the bay and took the Grand Trunk road going east on Tuesday night. He has left his wife and children penniless.

Classifying the Railway Mail Service.

Washington dispatch: The postmaster general has nearly completed the classification of the railway mail service under the civil service rules and regulations. Under this classification, which may be amended before final adoption, the employes are divided into ten classes, viz: A, B, C, D and E, and 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Class A will represent those who receive an annual salary of Ex-President Hayes, his wife and \$2,000 or over. The intermediate numdaughter Fanny have already arranged bers and letters represent, in increasing to be guests of Senator and Mrs. Sher- order, those whose salaries are more than \$940 and less than \$2,000. Local examining boards will be established in every congressional district, and vacan-Mme. Bernhardt says there is one cies on any line will be filled from the person with whom she has been on list of eligibles in the district through terms of intimacy for many years without a quarrel, and that is her dressmaker. Sarah's dressmaker must be an

which the line runs. Important positions in the service, when they become
mosphere in all directions. I refer more
the Grand Army of the Republic,
wacant, will be filled by promotion on merit in the ranks.

THE CAMP FIRE.

A Mexican War Relic-The Eighth Iowa Infantry-An Interesting Incident, etc.

The Suitana Explosion—A New Glory The awful explosion on the steamer Sultana near Memphis twenty-three years ago, in which nearly 2,000 Union soldiers lost their lives, has always been a mystery. The survivors have recently made a number of statements regarding the affair, but the most sensationa story was recently told by William C. Streeter, of St. Louis.

"Yes, I know something about the Sultana disaster," said Mr. Streeter, in reply to an inquiry. "I can give the cause of the explosion. A torpedo inclosed in a lump of coal was carried aboard the steamer at Memphis and deposited on the coal pile in front of the boilers for the express purpose of caus-ing her destruction. The man who placed the torpedo on the boat is my authority, for I had the statement from his own lips. "He was a notorious Confederate

mail carrier and blockade-runner. He was captured some five or six times, and once, at least, was sentenced to death by a military commission in this city. Toward the close of the war, it will be under military laws until the sentence had been confirmed by the President.

"It was while awaiting confirmation of the sentence that he escaped from after the close of the war. His friends obtained a pardon for him from President Johnson, and armed with that, he returned to his home in St. Louis. It was after his return home that he told me the story of how he smuggled the torpedo on board the Sultana.

"His real name was Robert Lowden, but he was always known in this city by his alias, Charlie Dale. He was a paintpublican, notwithstanding any action me for William H. Gray some three years after the close of the war. Dale was at that time a young, vigorous The Dakota question then became lost dare-devil. He possessed bravery of a certain kind, I think, equal to that of any man who ever lived. He told me that he had fired no less than half a dozen steamboats on the Mississippi. asked him what he knew about the Sultana explosion. Then he told me the story of the torpedo in the coal, and, using his own expression, 'It had got to be too ticklish a job to set a boat afire and get away from her.'

"Out of a hundred other of Dale's daring exploits during the war one in particular impressed me forcibly as showing the character of this remark-

able man. "It was accomplished while the After further discussion the commit- | Federal fleet was lying between Memseveral days as to how he was going to get through the Federal lines. Finally he hit upon a plan and it was successful. then addressed the caucus in favor of | He got a coffin at Memphis, calked it up with white lead, and launched it on the Mississippi. Then he laid himself out in the ghastly-looking boat and floated down the stream. He passed the Government gunboats at night, and two or three times when the current of the stream drifted the coffin up against the hulls of the boats he reached out with his hands, pushed his craft clear, and landed in the morning safe within the Confederate lines.

"Before the war Dale was a member of the old Liberty Volunteer Fire Company in this city, and was well known to a great many people living here now. "He died in New Orleans during the yellow-fever epidemic along in the latter part of the 60s."

A Mexican War Relic.

Col. George S. Jones, of Manila, Rush county, Ind., a Special Examiner of the Pension Bureau, has in his possession a gold medal presented to Gen. Winfield Scott by the State of Virginia, which he found in his travels a short time ago. This medal has inscribed upon it a copy of the resolutions presenting it in full on one side, and on the other is a monument bearing the names of the various battles in which Gen. Scott distinguishful contour of the Capital City of Mexico resting upon its romantic hills, and the battle and movement of the troops at its capture. The medal weighs twelve ounces avoirdupois, and is made of fine gold. There is an interesting history connected with its preservation during and since the war. It has been in the soldier's camp and on the battlefield, in the curiosity-shop with the old waste metal, and in the jeweler's shop to be worked into rings, its possessor little knowing its value or the kind of metal of which it is composed. But the magic name of "Winfield Scott" has almost miraculously saved it from destruction. Col. Jones will take steps to preserve

An Interesting Incident.

Col. Musser relates an interest ing incident of army experience which occurred while he was in command of the post at Washington, Ark., in the summer of 1864. The story as related is told by a federal officer, a prisoner in camp, to Capt. James T. Otey of the 8th Missouri infantry. The captain was playing the part of the hospital host toward his guest and prisoner. through the medium of a couple of tin cups and a jug filled with home-made whisky, clear as crystal and uncontaminated by an excise tax. Lieut. Boren was a federal officer in an Ohio regiment and has fallen into the hands of Dick Taylor about the time of Bank's Red river expedition. Becoming weary of captivity and disgusted with confed erate rations, he planned with several of his fellow-prisoners a scheme by which at least one of their members might make his escape. Whisky poker was played to determine which one should be given the first chance. Lieut. Boren won. In accordance with the scheme agreed to he feigned death, was buried by his comrades in a shallow grave, and succeeded in making his resurrection after the departure of the confederates and companions. The deserted grave was discovered during the day by some loiterers about the camping-place, and the ruse "dropped onto," and reported to the commandant at Marshfield, La., who immediately set a pack of bloodhounds to track the fugitive. After the trail was struck all of these but one were called off. This one continued the pursuit, and at the end of the third day overtook and traced the lieutenant in the dense woods near Washington, Ark. The hound guarded the tree for three days and three nights, until the soldiers, who took their time in the pursuit, arrived and again took charge of the wellnigh starved fugitive. -St. Louis Republican.

No Soldiers Needed.

"There is one thing that surprises me

particularly to the condition of your Treasury. By the courtesy of your officials I was shown through the vaults, where almost countless millions of silver are stored, and I was allowed the privilege even of entering the innermost recesses of the strong rooms where your public funds are stored, and there were no guards but the clerks employed

"Then, too, I noticed in passing the Treasury Building last night that all was as quiet as a grave. A few glimmering lights in some of the windows showed me that there was an occasional watchman inside of the building, but there was no sign on the outside to show that any precaution had been taken to prevent a wholesale robbery. The Bank of England, which is the great depository of the city of Lendon, and is perhaps the largest financial institution of the world, is conducted on far different principles. Every night a visitor who happens to be in the neighborhood of Threadneedle street will find a squad of soldiers from the barracks in the West End filing down to take their positions as the nightwatch. These men are kept on duty from the time the bank closes until it opens on the following day. There are posted at all sections, and pace the street surrounding the bank with a regularity of sentries around a camp. I do not know but that your system is far more attractive, to a foreigner, although the absence of everything military here is extremely strange to one familiar with what your politicians term the effete monarchies of

Maj. Bundy's Whisky Shot.

Some interesting things, says the Kenesaw Gazette, are remembered by Sherman's Atlanta campaign veterans in connection with Lieut. Bundy, commanding a battery of artillery-now known as Maj. Bundy, and one of the editorial writers on Deacon Shepard's New York Mail and Express.

Lieut. Bundy had a tooth for a good toddy, and one morning at Kenesaw mountain had sampled some "Diamond B" commissary with some other officers, and reached his battery in excellent spirits. Soon Col. Geary rode that way, and, observing the lieutenant, gruffly addressed him like this:

"Lieut. Bundy, you are drunk!" Bundy answered back quick as a flash: "Col. Geary, you are a d--- liar!"

Here was a situation. Geary was about to put Bundy under arrest, saying to him: "You are so drunk you don't know

that gun from a hollow log." "I don't, eh! I'll show you whether I do or not. See that bunch of rebs over there?" pointing to a group of confederate officers taking an observation from an eminence half a mile away, "Just watch me scatter 'em.'

Seizing the tail of a gun, he jerked it around, got the range, adjusted everything to his liking, gave the order to fire, exploding a four-inch shell right in tee on territories was requested by a phis and Vicksburg. Dale had escaped the midst of the group of confederates, marriage, how she loved me; but we who hastily retired to cover, carrying | hadn't been married a week before with them their wounded. Col. Geary withdrew his offensive re-

marks, complimented Bundy on his skill, and rode away. Lieut. Bundy was an expert artillerist, and could land a shell about where he The writer has often heard it said by

federals who ought to know that he

fired the shot that killed Gen. Polk.

"Unser Fritz" and a Yankee Doctor. It is told that while the late Emperor Frederick was in London for the queen's jubilee, Sir Morell Mackenzie introduced a noted American doctor to him. After a careful examination of his throat the imperial patient, in his usual cheerful manner inquired: "I suppose an imperial throat is very much like that of other mortals?" "Well, sir," came the quick reply, "we will try and make it so, at any rate." The then crown prince thoroughly appreciated the quick Yankee wit, and, striking his broad chest, said: "But this is all right, is it not?" The Yankee gravely looked the splendid proportions of the illustrious patient up and down and then deliberately drawled out: "As for the rest, sir, you would make a good American." Fritz's merriment was great, but the German doctors present were aghast at such levity .-London Letter.

Items.

Michigan has 142 relief corps. Millord, N. H., is to have a memorial

Rank and File Post, Milwaukee, Wis. has a membership of fifty-five. The difference between gold and green

backs in the payment of three years' service is estimate to be \$153.40. The Twenty-first Wisconsin Volunteer

Infantry holds its second reunion at Waupaca, Wis., June 20 and 21. The Fourteenth Wisconsin Volunteers holds its second reunion at LaCrosse,

Wis., the last Tuesday in September. The commanders of the four Grand Army posts in Milwaukee, Wis., were private soldiers when they entered the

The bell used as a prison signal at Andersonville Prison during the war is now the property of Heys brothers, Americus, Ga. The W. R. C. at Tecumseh, Neb., re-

cently gave a very successful entertainment, netting their relief fund a very handsome sum. It is reported that the railroads have

agreed on a rate of 1 cent per mile to those meeting the National Encampment at Columbus.

The amount expended last year in Merrimack county, N. H., under the law for the relief of dependent veterans and their families, was \$3,026.02.

Capt. George E. Smith, commander of

Harvey Post, Racine, was recently surprised by the presentation of a beauti ful gold-headed cane by his comrades. Robert Chivas Post, Milwaukee, Wis., owns real estate valued at about \$20,-000. The post will invest \$6,000 in repairs of their hall during the present

The Lacrosse and Lemonweir Valley County Veterans' Association will hold a lair, and so on, when Missjoint reunion at LaCrosse June 12, 13, and 14.

Two hundred of the delegates to the Methodist Conference who had served to answer her, so I said, 'I beg your under General Grant during the rebellion made a formal call upon Mrs. Grant recently. They were received by Mrs. Grant and Colonel Fred Grant and wife.

The leading associations of veterans and auxiliary societies are as follows: Grand Army of the Republic, Royal Legion, Union Veterans' Union, Union Veterans' Legion, Union ex-Prisoners of War. National Association of Naval ladies she rose and left the room. As Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, and she went out she looked back over

Sons of Veterans. ident of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. put my foot in it somehow. Then it Paul Railway, in 1862, when only 19 dashed upon me that I had misunderyears of age, en!isted as a private at Auburn, N. Y., in Company E, Third Light Artillery. He was promoted sevabout America and especially about eral times, at the close of the war being Washington," said an English gentle-man, "and that is the feeling of absolute Adjutant General for General A. E. safety which seems to pervade the at- Burnside, late Commander-in-Chief of

Current Wit.

At a western church fair a device for getting up a testimonial to the pastor bore the following legend: Drop a dollar in the slot and see the pastor smile."

Doctor-"Well, how is our patient this morning?" Nurse-"Bad, doctor bad; she has taken all the medicines you prescribed, and nothing but her iron will, keeps her alive."

Worse vet,-"John, you are not listening to a word I am saying." "Why my dear I am all ears." " know you are, and that makes it all the more provoking."

What is the difference between a soldier and a pretty woman? One faces the powder and the other powders the face.

"Well, mother," said the Prince, kissing the Queen's hand affectionately, "how is Kate?" "Kate?" queried Victoria, "what Kate?" "Abdicate," retorted the Prince, with a roar of laughter that loosened the rollers on the throne. And her Majesty wapt .-New York Sun.

"What time," asked a lady, with an armful of bundles, "does the next train leave?" "It leaves on schedule time," responded the affable and accommodating ticket agent. And the ady retired to the waiting room with the remark that she didn't know it left so late.

First confirmed bargain-hunter-See my lovely apron; only 25 cents! Second C. B. H.-Why, I got one just like it for 23 cents. Frst C. B H.-O, where, where? I must go and get one right away. I don't need any more, but one can't afford to let such bargins go, don't you know. The Idea.

Lady-Why did you not serve the sardines as I told you? Biddy-I couldn't foind the secret spring to owpen the tin box, and I had to break it with a hatchet, and when I lefted the lid mum, the poor things were all fast asleep ivir so close to one another, and I hadn't the heart to roast 'em as waz my intintion.—Time.

"And so you are married? And I suppose you are perfectly happy?" "Well, I don't know. Tell you the truth, Mary isn't what I thought she was. She used to tell me, before she quit dressmaking. That shows how much you can depend upon a woman's love."-Boston Transcript.

He Hadn't Disobeyed-The little boy had come in with his clothes torn, his hair full of dust and his face bearing unmistakable marks of a severe conflict. "Oh, Willie! Willie!" exclaimed his mother, deeply shocked and grieved, "you have disobeyed me again. How often I have told you not to play with that wicked Stapleford boy!" "Mamma," said Willie, washing the blood from his nose, "do I look as if I had been playing with anybody.

It is related of a clergyman, who was the happy father of a charming and beautiful daughter, that one day while preparing his Sunday discourse, he was suddenly called away from his desk on a mission of mercy. So imperative was the summons that he left unfinished this sentence: "I never see a young man of splendid physique and the promise of a glorious manhood almost realized, but my heart is filled with rapture and delight." His daughter, happening in the study, saw the sermon and read the wards. Sitting down, she wrote underneath: "Them's n.y sentiments, papa, exactly."-Boston

Similarity of Bear Stories-Maine Hunter I'll tell yeou 'bout a bear I-. Experienced Visitor-I know all about it. The bear had a cub and attacked you, and after using up all your ammunition you finally drew your pocket-knife and killed the brute. Maine Hunter-Wal, now, ef that ain't jest the way it happened; who told yeou? Experienced Visitor -No one: but I've heard about 150 bear stories since I've been here, and ine very blessed case the hero used up all his ammunition and finally killed the bear with a pocket-knife. The mystery to me is why you felows don't start in with the pocketknife at first.—Puck.

A Tale Of An "H,"

Charles Whymper, the well-known engraver and animal painter of Lonion, told a Pittsburg Dispatch man the following story a few years ago: "I dined at Alderman So-and so's ast night, and as a mark of honor ais eldest daughter was assigned to me to take down to dinner. She's a oright girl, but the way she drops her h's' is enough to make a man's hair burn gray. But I got along very nicely with her, and Lady Bletherington on the other side, until the ladies were on the eve of retiring to the drawing room. "The Alderman had but recently moved out to Highgate; and I was talking about the beautiful scenery near the house, the views Veterans' Association and LaCrosse to be had from the windows, the fine denly said, 'I think I get prettier every day, don't you?"

"What did she mean? I didn't dare pardon-what did you say?' "Isaid I think I get prettier every

"There was no mistake in her words, so I said, 'Yes, I think so too, and no wonder in such fresh air and-

"But just then she caught her mother's eye, and with the other her shoulder with such a withering Rosswell Miller, recently elected Pres. | 3corn in her eyes that I knew I had stood her; she had dropped an h; what she had said was not a silly compliment to herself-the sentence really was, 'I think Highgate prettier every

I think Mr. Whymper was never invited to Alderman So-and-so's again.