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SEVEN KNOWN DEAD

FIVE OTHERS FATALLY AND A DOZEN MORE INJURED.

An Explosion at Findlay, Ohio—Accident in Lake Shore Novelty Company's Plant—Was Working Sunday to Catch Up with Orders.

As a result of an explosion in the two drying rooms of the Lake Shore Novelty Company's plant at Findlay, O., Sunday, seven persons are known to be dead; five are so seriously hurt that recovery is believed to be impossible, and twelve or fifteen are injured badly. From reports of the physicians, ten of the less seriously injured may die as a result of blood poisoning from the potash that was driven into their bodies.

The Lake Shore Novelty Works plant covered nearly ten acres of ground in the southwest part of the city, and employed nearly 200 men, women and children. Railroad torpedoes and Fourth of July explosives were manufactured.

Owing to the large rush of orders, the officials of the plant requested the employees to report for duty Sunday. About thirty complied with the request.

During the morning the residents of Findlay were startled by two explosions that shattered windows throughout the city. The concussion was felt for miles around. Two magazines in separate rooms at the novelty works let go simultaneously, with terrible reports. The exact cause of the explosion is not definitely known.

The explosion took place shortly before the employees assembled for duty. At least twenty persons were on their way to the factory when the explosion occurred.

Human forms were strewn considerable distances apart on the factory site. The remains of Joseph and John Sherwood were found in drying room No. 1, mangled and almost unrecognizable.

The body of Edith Dillon was picked up 200 yards from where the explosion occurred.

The news of the catastrophe spread like wildfire throughout the county. Every train and interurban car that arrived in the city for several hours was crowded. The large plant is shattered into fragments, not one single wall remaining. Bricks and timbers can be found for a great distance around.

The property loss is \$600,000. The plant, it is said, will not be rebuilt. Business generally will be suspended during the funerals.

Three bodies were found at a distance of 300 feet from the scene of the explosion.

TRAGEDY AT CARDIFF, PA.

Italian Kills a Woman and is in Turn Killed by the Husband.

At Cardiff, a village near Dubois, Pa., an Italian woman named Paul, sacrificed her life for her husband's hat, being shot down in cold blood by another Italian named Pellingerino, while recovering the hat, and half an hour later the murderer was lying dead, his head full of buckshot from the gun of the husband of the murdered woman.

After examining the body to see that no life remained, Paul picked up his wife's body and tenderly carried it to his home. Surrounded by his three children, the officers, when they came to arrest him, found him bending and weeping over the remains.

The residents of the village uphold Paul, who bears a good reputation.

MURDERERS OF SCHERGER.

Two Suspects Are Under Arrest at Iron Ridge, Wis.

A special from Hartford, Wis., says: After an almost unrelenting search of twenty-four hours, covering fifty square miles of territory in every direction from this city, two men, who are believed by the authorities to be the murderers of City Marshal Scherger have been taken into custody at Iron Ridge, and it is said that their identification is almost certain. The suspects are being held on testimony of the two men who were with the marshal when the killing occurred.

It is said Gov. La Follette will issue a proclamation and offer a substantial reward for the apprehension of the murderers.

Senator Quay's Health.

A Beaver, Pa., special says: Senator M. S. Quay left his brother's home at Morgantown Sunday night and is now located at his own home here. At his home it was said the senator stood the journey well. His condition is said to be not as good as it has been for the past few days.

Spanish Monks Expelled.

The government has expelled from Maricao, Venezuela, twelve Spanish monks, who came from the Philippines. The action of the government was taken on the ground that the policy of the monks is incompatible with the tendency of modern society.

Many People Injured.

In a collision between two east and westbound cars on the Union Traction Interurban line at Daleville, Ind., one person was seriously injured, two others severely and about twenty-five more or less bruised.

Died While at Prayer.

While in a kneeling posture and an attitude of prayer, Hugh H. Smyth, aged 80, one of the pioneers of Dubuque, Ia., sank back dead in his pew at St. Patrick's church, during high mass.

HEAVY CLOUDBURST.

Great Damage Done in Colorado and Wyoming.

A cloudburst at the head of the Cache la Poudre river in Colorado caused that stream to overflow its banks, and meager reports received at Denver indicate that great damage has been caused by the flood. The rush of the flood caused the dam which holds the water of Livingston Lake, sixty-five miles above Fort Collins, to break, and this added volume of water swept down the Cache la Poudre, practically wiping out the towns of Livermore and Laporte, respectively fourteen and three miles above Fort Collins. It is reported that one person was drowned at the former place.

At Fort Collins the river, which normally is about the width of the average mountain river, is now over a mile wide, and the Russian settlement, consisting of about 300 families, is inundated. Already a number of the frame dwellings of these people have been swept from their foundations and sent whirling along with the flood. In several instances the occupants were unable to make their escape and were carried along.

It has not yet been learned whether there was any loss of life at Fort Collins, but it seems safe to predict that there has been. Wreckage of houses, household goods and carcasses of dead animals are being carried by Fort Collins by the flood.

From Greeley, about twenty-five miles east of Fort Collins, comes the information that a number of wagon bridges between there and Fort Collins have been washed away, and the Colorado and Southern Railroad bridge at Timmath, about midway between the two towns, wrecked. No trains are being sent out on that line. The Colorado and Southern from Fort Collins to Greeley is a branch line. Although the crest of the flood had not yet reached Greeley, ranchmen and other dwellers along the bottoms were moving to the high ground.

The Cache la Poudre River runs through one of the most thickly settled and richest agricultural districts of Colorado. A large portion of the northern part of the state is irrigated from this stream, and a number of immense reservoirs have been constructed for the purpose of storing the water. Should the force of the waters' rush weaken these sufficiently to cause a break and release the stored water the result could be nothing but disastrous.

A special from Cheyenne, Wyo., received by telephone, says that six persons are known to have been drowned. Besides these many persons are missing.

TO PUT STRIKERS IN BULL PEN

Men Disobey Orders of the Military Authorities.

One hundred striking union coal miners who refused to be registered by the military authorities of Las Animas County, which is under martial law, were brought to Trinidad, Colo., as military prisoners from the strikers' camp near Ludlow. They were forced to march eighteen miles under cavalry escort. As the county jail is already full a bull pen will be constructed, in which the strikers will be herded.

Maj. Gen. Hill, commanding the military forces, decided on the policy of registering all of the 3,000 idle men in the county in consequence of a number of fires that have occurred in the vicinity of the strikers' camps.

KIDNAPPED BY BANDITS.

An American and British Subject Seized at Tangier.

A naturalized citizen of the United States, Mr. Perdicaris, long a resident of Tangier, Morocco, and very wealthy, and a stepson of Mr. Garley, a British subject, were carried off Wednesday night from their country home near Tangier by a large band of native brigands, headed by Raisuly, a bandit who carried off Walter Harris, a correspondent of the London Times, last year.

The men doubtless will be held for a heavy ransom.

United States Consul Gummere and the British minister are acting with energy in the matter.

DROP THE PUZZLE.

Illinois Republicans Take an Eleven-Day Adjournment.

The Illinois Republican state convention at Springfield was called to order at 10:10 o'clock Friday morning.

The 58th ballot was immediately proceeded with and resulted as follows: Fifty-eighth ballot—Yates 483; Lowden, 392½; Deneen, 385½; Hamlin, 113; Warner, 53; Sherman, 46; Pierce, 29.

Senator Gardner then moved the convention adjourn until 2 p. m. Tuesday, May 31. The motion was adopted, and the convention adjourned at 10:50 a. m.

Bishop Bars Female Choirs.

Bishop Kiley, of the Catholic diocese of Georgia, has mailed to each of the churches in his jurisdiction a letter directing that under the recent order of the pope the use of female voices in Catholic church choirs should cease. The change must be effective by January 1, 1905.

Forty-One Reported Injured.

A special from Salida, Colo., says that the narrow gauge Denver and Rio Grande southbound passenger train No. 115 was wrecked. Engineer Frank Evanston was killed and forty-one are reported injured.

Bubonic Plague Spreads.

A Valparaiso, Chile, dispatch says: Eighteen new cases of bubonic plague have been reported in Antofagasta in the last two days. Five have proved fatal. There are fifty-seven plague patients now in the Lazareto.

Banked Iowa Widow.

At Lincoln, Neb., William H. Wilson, accused of bunking Mrs. Anna Andress, a Des Moines widow, and assaulting her after her money was spent, was Friday bound over to the district court.

PLAIN TALK TO CHINA.

Uncle Sam Talks Business to the Celestials.

China has been informed that the Washington government claims the right to dispatch warships not only to those Chinese ports declared by treaty to be open to the world, but also upon the inland waters of China "wherever Americans may be and where by treaty with China they are authorized to engage in business or reside for the purpose of spreading the gospel."

That the official details on this subject may be known, the state department has decided to publish the correspondence between Mr. Conger, the American minister at Peking, and Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, late commander in chief of the Asiatic station, which followed a protest of the Chinese government against the visit of the gunboat Villalobos last summer in the Yangtze valley, whither she was ordered by the commander in chief of the associated fleet to gather such information as would be of assistance in rendering them prompt help in case of an expected native outbreak against foreigners.

The taotal of Kinkiang protested to the American consul at Hankow against the visit of the Villalobos to Manchangon the ground that "bad men" inhabited that section, and he declared that the viceroys had informed all the foreign consuls at Shanghai to instruct their captains not to visit Poyang Lake except on most important business. Minister Conger called on Admiral Evans for the facts. A long correspondence ensued, Admiral Evans stoutly maintaining that American warships had the right to go wherever Americans were allowed to reside and engage in business.

Finally the correspondence reached the state department, and after a careful reading of the arguments on both sides, Secretary Hay has approved the stand taken by Admiral Evans.

It seems that Minister Conger, after receiving the protest of the Chinese authorities, wrote to Admiral Evans, asking him to point out the provisions of the treaty which gives our gunboats the right to go where they please in the interior of the empire, except on rivers leading to open ports. The admiral, in reply, said that whereas there may be no express treaty stipulation, he took the stand on the "most favored nation" clause as allowing our gunboats to cruise in any waters where armed vessels of other nations are allowed, as in the case of Poyang Lake and neighboring waters.

FORTUNE FOR STENOGRAPHER

One New York Girl Will Receive \$600,000 from an Uncle.

Miss Alice G. Farrell, stenographer, of New York, is preparing to go to Denver to take possession of an estate said to be worth \$500,000 left by her uncle, the late Joseph Farrell, a mining man. Miss Farrell received the news of her uncle's death three weeks ago and, a few days afterward, when his will was opened, the surprising information came that she was heiress to all his wealth.

Miss Farrell will go abroad to study music. She is preparing to go to Denver to settle her uncle's estate, but until she leaves she says she will remain at her desk in a lawyer's office just as if she were not worth \$600,000.

LOST WITH SHIP.

Officers of the Japanese War Vessels Perished.

Tokio advices state: The loss of life incurred by the sinking of the Japanese cruiser Yoshino included Capt. Sakaki, Commander Hirowater, three first lieutenants, five second lieutenants, five midshipmen, paymaster, surgeon, three engineer cadets and eight boatswain mates. Of the crew the number lost is unknown.

Those who went down with the battleship Hatsuse were Commander Tsukamoto, Commander Ciscout Nine, Commander Arimeri, five second lieutenants, five sub-engineers, two surgeons, six midshipmen, four cadet engineers, ten non-commissioned officers. It is not known how many of the crew perished.

CARRIES COFFIN WITH HIM.

Said Kuropatkin Expects to be Killed in Battle.

Possessed with the firm belief that he will be killed in battle during the war in the far east, Gen. Kuropatkin, commander of the Russian forces in Manchuria, is carrying his coffin with him.

This information is contained in a letter received by Adam Bantro, editor of a Polish newspaper at Baltimore, Md., from Brunslan Kobylanski, who returned to Russia some time ago and was impressed in the Russian army.

BURGLAR GETS LIFE.

Michigan Man Who Stole Two Dollars and Two Hats Sentenced.

A Mason, Mich., special says: Lewis Oliver, who stole \$2 and two hats from a butcher shop, was given a life sentence in Marquette prison. It was his third offense for burglary.

Judge Weist, who sentenced him, said he believed the statute providing where a prisoner had been sentenced for felony and again arrested may be sentenced for life was framed for the purpose of ridding society of such men as Oliver.

Japs Lose Dispatch Boat.

Tokio advices say that the Japanese dispatch boat Miyako was destroyed in Kerr Bay by striking a submerged mine. Twenty-two casualties are reported.

Dies from Bonfire Burns.

Hannah Labbowetzer, the 6-year-old daughter of Raymond Labbowetzer, of St. Paul, Minn., died at the St. Paul city hospital Thursday morning, as a result of burns received while playing about a grass fire a few weeks ago.

Two More Bishops Named.

On the second ballot for bishops in the Methodist general conference at Los Angeles, Cal., Dr. Henry Spellmeyer, of Newark, N. J., and Dr. W. F. McDowell, of New York, were elected.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Barker Sentenced to Hang—Makes a Full Full Confession to the Court—Shot His Brother Daniel and Immediately Afterward Daniel's Wife

At Red Cloud Saturday, Frank Barker, found guilty on Friday of the murder of his brother and his brother's wife, was sentenced to hang Sept. 2.

The prisoner afterwards broke down and made a full confession of his deed to the court.

To the sheriff Barker stated that he wished to make a statement to the court. On being brought before Judge Adams he made a full confession.

Barker said he went to his brother's home on the night of Feb. 1 and knocked. His brother Daniel opened the door and Frank shot him. The wounded man ran back into the house, Frank following and firing a second shot into his body, from which he died instantly.

Mrs. Barker jumped from her bed and Barker shot her through the head. According to the statement he then buried the bodies in a cow shed, where they were found a week later.

The condemned man was quieter Saturday night and expressed remorse at his deed. He asserted that he was under the influence of liquor when the deed was committed.

YOUNG MAN SUICIDES.

His Health Only Reason Known for His Act.

Ernest Broady, a young farm hand who has been working for Joseph Ray, five miles east of Humboldt, was found by his employer Wednesday afternoon hanging to a rafter in the barn, dead.

The man is about 25 years old and has relatives living in that section, where he has lived since boyhood. No cause is known for the action, except that he had been somewhat ill and was taking treatment, with little success. Mr. Ray was in the city and on returning home found the man dead, and notified the coroner. Broady gave no hint of his intention to any member of the family.

TO PUSH ELECTRIC LINE.

Dakota City to See Cars Running by July 4.

Dakota Cityites are feeling jubilant over the announcement made Wednesday morning by the promoters of the Sioux City, Homer and Southern Railway, the proposed electric line to be built from Sioux City to Homer via Dakota City, that the completion of the line would be rushed as fast as possible, and that it would be completed and in operation to Dakota City from Sioux City by July 4th.

The power for the line for the present will be furnished by the Sioux City Traction Company.

JUMP FROM TRAIN HANGS HIM

Young German Adopts Novel Method of Killing Himself.

Ludwig Radel, a young German shoemaker, lately from the old country, who worked at his trade in Stuart, was found dead Saturday afternoon at the railroad gravel pit east of Stuart. There was a piece of cord around his neck and a mark in the sand where he had been dragged a distance along the track.

The theory is that he had tied the cord to a car and jumped from the train with suicidal intent. For some time he had shown signs of dementia, having a hallucination that he was going to be arrested. Coroner Trueblood will hold an inquest.

Third Town Goes Dry.

District Judge Paul Jessen of Plattsmouth, has issued a peremptory writ of mandamus against the members of the board of trustees in the village of Greenwood, in Cass County, requiring them to convene in special session and forthwith revoke and cancel the liquor license heretofore granted to Peter A. Smith. This order also requires them to close the saloon until the matter shall be decided at the next term of district court. This makes the third town in Cass County to go "dry" within a week.

Heavy Traffic to Rosebud.

Northwestern officials in Norfolk report that the traffic on the branch line which extends from Norfolk into the Rosebud reservation country is increasing daily at a phenomenal rate. Already thousands of settlers and investors have passed through there en route to Gregory County, South Dakota. There are in Bone-steel now over 300 gamblers, from all parts of the country.

Has Two Bear Cubs.

Robert Davis has returned to Beatrice from Oregon, bringing with him two bear cubs about 7 weeks old, which he captured thirty-five miles west of Albany. He was attacked by the mother bear, and after a desperate encounter with the animal he succeeded in killing it with an ax. The little animals are beautiful specimens of the black bear family.

Dies from Injuries.

James Botts, the colored man shot at Nebraska City by Jesse Young on the 10th of this month, died Wednesday from the wounds inflicted by his assailant. Young is confined in the county jail and showed no regret when told his victim had died. The county attorney will now file a charge of murder in the first degree against Young.

Farms with Traction Engine.

T. J. Ryan, who lives east of Newcastle, near the river, certainly has the progressive spirit. He now has on his farm a large traction engine with which he does a great part of his farming. This spring he is planting his corn with this machine. He has three lists attached to the engine.

Three Years for Assault.

Judge Hurd held a special term of district court at Nelson to hear the case against Joseph P. Hasty on the charge of statutory assault. The defendant pleaded guilty to an attempt and was given three years in the penitentiary.

Robbed a Tailor.

When G. Franzen visited his tailoring establishment at Plattsmouth Monday morning he discovered that four suit patterns, two pants patterns and a new suit of clothes had been taken. He thinks entrance was gained by the aid of a key.

HAS STOCK DISEASE.

Farmer Going Blind and Many Cattle Are Dying from Malady.

Rush Miner, a ranchman living four and a half miles southwest of Dunning on the Dismal River, is afflicted by a new and unclassified stock disease which broke out in his herd ten days ago, carrying away nineteen head in a few hours. Miner contracted the malady while skinning one of the dead cattle. He has had constant medical attendance since and the prospects are that even now he will lose the sight of one or both eyes.

The disease takes the form of rash or erysipelas when transmitted to a human being, causing great blotches to appear on the face and other exposed portions of the body. The victim suffers excruciating pains about the head and especially the eyes are thus afflicted. When stock is afflicted the disease is not lingering, but kills in a very short time, acting much the same as erysipelas when it strikes the heart.

Ranchmen are deeply concerned about the new malady to cattle and it is thought that an investigation will be held soon in which the state veterinarian and others learned in stock ailments will take part.

KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK.

Engine Jumps Track at Orepolis and Turns Over.

At Orepolis, the engine of a heavily loaded train jumped the track and rolled on its side in the ditch, and four freight cars loaded with coal were smashed into kindling wood beside the track. Engineer Hungeate had his back badly sprained and otherwise injured, but it is not known just how seriously he was otherwise hurt.

Frank Allen, his fireman, was caught in the wreck and it was some time before he could be released. He was crushed so badly that death relieved his suffering a short while after the accident. He was married about six months ago and his wife resides in Lincoln.

The head brakeman had one of his knees badly bruised. The master mechanic and the traveling engineer arrived at an early hour and with the wrecking crane and crew had the track cleared by noon.

SUSPECT THREE PERSONS.

Finding of Human Hand Revives Talk in Fessel Case.

A Nelson special says: As a result of the finding of a human hand on the Fessel farm, supposed to be that of Eli Fessel, County Attorney Brown has filed complaints against Mrs. Hutchinson, Charles Hutchinson and Harley Fessel, charging them with murder in the first degree. Sheriff Hodges went to Red Cloud to arrest Fessel and brought him here. The other two parties were also arrested and all three are now in the county jail awaiting trial, the date of which has not yet been fixed.

There are many conflicting rumors afloat concerning the mysterious disappearance of Eli Fessel, but the recent developments would indicate that a murder had surely been committed by someone, and the circumstantial evidence is by many considered strong against the parties now under arrest.

FISH FOR CRYSTAL LAKE.

Deputy Commissioner Plants Pike, Channel Cat and Crappies.

The state fish car, in charge of Deputy Fish Commissioner W. J. O'Brien and Game Warden E. Hungerford, arrived in Dakota City Saturday and made a plant of 500,000 pike, 2,000 channel catfish and 500 crappies in Crystal Lake. These fish were planted in the lake at the request of Senator W. P. Warner and others. A large consignment of bass and crappies was planted by the commissioner in Crystal Lake last October.

The commissioner also sent a consignment of pike and crappies to Jackson, to be planted in Jackson Lake.

Crystal Lake is getting to be considerable of a resort for fishermen, and many fine strings of black bass are now being taken from the water.

HASTING BUILDING BIDS.

J. H. Wiese of South Omaha is the Low Man in Competition.

The supervising architect of the treasury at Washington on Wednesday opened proposals for the construction, except heating apparatus, of the United States postoffice at Hastings. There were ten bidders, the lowest being J. H. Wiese, of South Omaha, at \$104,910, agreeing to complete the work by Oct. 1, 1905. Congress authorized the expenditure of \$135,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a building at Hastings. The site has been secured at a cost of \$10,000, leaving \$125,000 with which to construct the building.

Plead Guilty to Robbery.

The trial of John King, George Sveal and Charles Ray, charged with robbing W. T. B. Simpson at Beatrice last fall of \$1,200, came to an abrupt ending in the district court by King and Sveal pleading guilty. The jury in the first trial of the King case failed to agree, but as Ray was found guilty by a jury his two pals decided to plead guilty. The three are said to be noted criminals.

Burglars Are Active.

Four burglaries during the night occurred at Elgin and two at Norfolk. Saloons at Elgin were robbed, the robbers getting a few pennies. In Norfolk the saloons of Oscar Uhl were entered and a savings bank with \$28 taken. The dental parlors of Dr. Charles Parker were entered and much gold in fillings, plates, etc., were taken.

Bank Robbers Sentenced.

The arguments for a new trial for the Lyons bank robbers were made at Tekamah before Judge Troup of the district court. The court denied the motion and sentenced Thomas Gray and Sam Bullis to ten years each in the state penitentiary, that being the limit. George Keeler was given seven years.

Need a Rock Pile.

North Platte appears to be the dumping ground for all the hoboes in the country, no less than fifty putting in an appearance Tuesday morning. Such a nuisance are they becoming that the citizens are advocating the establishment of a rock pile for their benefit.

Would-be Suicide Recovering.

Contrary to expectations Jack Monroe, of North Platte, who attempted suicide, is improving and the physicians now express the opinion that he will recover.

STATE CONVENTION

REPUBLICANS OF NEBRASKA NOMINATE STATE TICKET.

Congressman Burkett is Named for the Senate, to Succeed Senator Dietrich—Burlington Forces Are Defeated.

Governor—John H. Mickey, of Polk County.

Lieutenant Governor—Edmund C. McGilton, of Douglas.

Secretary of State—A. Galusha, of Webster.

Treasurer—Peter Mortensen, of Valley.

Attorney General—Norris Brown, of Buffalo.

Auditor—E. N. Searle, of Keith.

Land Commissioner—H. M. Eaton, of Dodge.

Superintendent of Schools—J. L. McBrien, of Fillmore.

Delegates at Large to the National Convention—H. C. Brome, of Omaha; C. B. Dempster, of Beatrice; J. C. Piper, of Tekamah, and H. L. Laflang, of Lexington.

Lincoln: With an ironclad combination, political representatives of the Northwestern and Union Pacific Railroads defeated the Burlington Railroad and triumphed in the Republican state convention Wednesday evening.</