

CINCINNATI SHAKEN.

AN EXPLOSION REDUCES A BIG BLOCK TO A PILE OF DEBRIS.

Men Known to Be Killed—Scores of Others Injured—Gasoline Causes the Terrible Disaster—New Women and Children Flamed Down by Timbers.

CINCINNATI, May 5.—This city and vicinity has been greatly excited over the explosion of a large tank of gasoline which completely demolished the 5-story building at 430 and 432 Walnut street at 8 o'clock last night. After the explosion the widest reports were current to the loss of life. Before midnight it was known that six were killed and 18 injured, but the work of removing the debris had proceeded so slowly that the general estimate of the killed and wounded greatly exceeded this number. The building seems to have collapsed in such a manner that the pile of debris was covered by the tin roof, and after several hours it was found that the only way to rescue the victims was to remove the immense mass of brick and timber. Accordingly workmen were put at it, as many of them as could work on it. The debris was being shoveled by one force out into the street and into the rear alley and all available teams were secured for another force of men to load it up and get it out of the way. This was found to be the only practical means of rescue. All those who have been rescued were on the upper floors, except some who were thrown out into the street. While this work was going on, holes were cut through the foundations of adjacent buildings and debris was taken out. These holes were covered by beams of wood in that manner. It is thought that others will be saved by these holes through the basement walls of the adjoining buildings.

The Dead. The family of Adolph Drachs suffered most severely. Drachs and his 5-year-old daughter are dead and his 3-year-old boy is believed to be dying. Noland Davitt, a traveling man for the Columbia Carriage company of Hamilton, O., and three others, unidentified, complete the list of those known to be dead. Sid Johnson, barkeeper, arm broken; Billy Cook, waterworks employe, arm broken; Barbara Hutton, leg broken; Harry Harwick, waterworks employe, out on the head; Fred Healy, arm and shoulder hurt; Motorman Stofel, Joseph Sprague, porter; Conductor Pollard, William Lath, William Lohide, E. H. Hanth, bookkeeper; S. S. Wells, clerk; W. D. Crosley, paperhanger; William E. Cook, clerk; J. D. Ward, race horse man of Toledo.

Among the missing who are believed to be in the ruins are: A. Frickie of Norwood, Joseph Worthner, barkeeper; Louis Fey, wife and baby, also two servant girls in the families of Fey and Drach.

A most touching scene occurred when Fireman John McCarthy found his brother-in-law under a heavy beam and begging the men above to kill him. McCarthy said there were three other men near him and they were alive. The most heroic efforts to liberate these sufferers were made.

Whole City Shaken. The shock was so terrific that it was felt all over the city not one brick upon another is left in the front and rear walls of the building, while the adjacent buildings are badly damaged and the glass in the windows in the Gibson House and the large Johnson building came to the street in all broken. The glass was broken out of street cars that were passing at the time and one of the cars was badly wrecked, but none of the passengers were seriously hurt. All the horses in the immediate neighborhood broke from their fastenings and ran away, and there was only intense excitement, but the greatest confusion.

HOLMES NEARING HEMP. Execution of the Whole Sale Murderer with Over Thirty Murders. The convicted murderer, James G. Holmes, who has only two more days to live. Sheriff Clement says the execution will occur about 10 o'clock on Thursday morning. The sheriff asserts that there will be no sensational scene on the gallows. If Holmes has anything to say it may be said from the cell. About 50 persons, including officials and newspaper men, will witness the hanging, although thousands are straining every nerve to be present and as high as \$200 has been offered for a single ticket. The prophecy that Holmes would cheer the gallows by committing suicide has no promise of fulfillment. Strict watch is kept upon him but he seems calm and resigned. Whether or not his apparent contrition is genuine or whether he will die a convert to the Roman Catholic faith is largely a matter of conjecture.

Warren Fisher Is Dead. BOSTON, May 2.—Warren Fisher, who came into prominence in 1876 through his connection with the investigation of the charges directed at James G. Blaine, is dead.

Severe Drouth In Idaho. SIMLA, May 2.—The drouth, owing to the drouth in the northwest provinces, is unexampled. It is estimated that 200,000 persons are employed on relief work.

Young Corbett Defeats Ziegler. SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—George Corbett, better known as "Young Corbett," got the decision over Owen Ziegler in a 10-round contest in this city.

Louisville After Ward. LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 2.—John M. Ward, the baseball player, has been offered \$5,000 to manage the Louisville club, both of and on the field.

Timothy Anglin Is Dead. TORONTO, Ont., May 4.—Timothy Anglin, an ex-speaker of the Dominion house of commons, is dead.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS. Allen Arrives In the Old States. WASHINGTON, May 2.—The senate spent another day on the naval appropriation bill without completing it. Mr. Gorman further opposed the item of four battleships and expressed the opinion that the appropriations already made would consume the balance of the treasury. A determination of the number of battleships has not yet been reached. Mr. Chandler has proposed substituting 30 large and fast torpedo gunboats for two of the battleships. Mr. White took the lead of cost of these vessels before the naval committee. A speech of three hours, arraigning the two old parties.

Will Move Graham's Remains. WASHINGTON, May 2.—Arrangements have been made for the removal of the remains of ex-Secretary Gresham from their present resting place in Oakwood cemetery, Chicago, to Arlington cemetery this city.

Day of Sensational Debates. WASHINGTON, May 2.—The debate in the senate yesterday was of a dramatic and sensational character, recalling the famous Ingalls-Voorhees contest of some years ago. Senator Tillman again brought his unique personality to the debate, his speech being the first of any length since his memorable maiden effort attacking public officials, high and low. While he spoke the silver and gold medals were presented to him in the west was conspicuously displayed on his scarf. The senator used the blunt words characteristic of his utterances, arraigning the president and cabinet officers with unsparring criticism and personal invective. He also addressed himself personally to Mr. Hill and Mr. Sherman and drew from the former several sharp rejoinders, while Mr. Sherman declined to be brought into a controversy with the South Carolina senator.

Vote For Two Battleships. WASHINGTON, May 2.—The senate has adopted the amendment of Senator Gorman to the naval bill, reducing the number of battleships from four to two by a vote of yeas, 31; nays, 27.

Refuse Alaska a Belligerent. WASHINGTON, May 2.—The house today, by a vote of 40 to 44, refused to pass a bill to give Alaska a delegate in person to the national convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo., on the 15th of September. The bill was introduced by Representative Baker of New Hampshire introduced in the house a concurrent resolution providing for an investigation of the purchase of seeds by Secretary Morton.

Too Many Torpedo Boats. WASHINGTON, May 3.—The Chandler amendment to the naval appropriation bill providing for 20 torpedo boats was defeated by the senate today.

Senate Discusses the Road Issue. WASHINGTON, May 3.—The continued program for the senate procedure this week was shattered in yesterday's session by two unexpected motions. When the intended action to consider the river and harbor bill was attempted, it was antagonized by a motion by Turpie to amend the Dapout case, as amended by Mitchell, with considerable display of feeling, sought to prevent this course, but by a yeas and nays vote, resulting 32 to 31, the senate decided to take up the Dapout case. Later an agreement was effected to postpone the matter until the river and harbor bill was passed, which was in the election case to be taken two days after consideration was given. The unfinished business came up in the form of the bond investigation resolution. Mr. Peffer refused to further delay the matter and his motion to proceed with the resolution was upheld by 39 to 29. This displacing the river and harbor bill. Mr. Hill then adjourned.

MAKING WAR ON AMERICAN HORSES. German Dealers Unite to Break Down American Competition. WASHINGTON, May 3.—United States Consul Keenan at Bremen, in a report to the department of state upon the importation of American horses into Germany, says that while this business has attained great proportions, it is greatly hampered by many underhand operations inspired by the local horse dealers, who have united to break down the American competition. Mr. Keenan tells in detail of many of these practices and shows how, although the people much prefer the American horses to those supplied from Austria and Russia, so many obstructions have been interposed as to seriously check the development of the business. Last year no less than 10,000 American horses were brought into Germany. The imperial government has taken note of the charges of unhealthfulness preferred against these horses and has prescribed a rigid inspection of the stock upon entering the country.

Commissioner Seymour's Report. WASHINGTON, May 3.—The report of Commissioner of Patents John S. Seymour for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895, was submitted to congress yesterday. It shows that aggregate receipts from all sources during the year were \$1,245,247; expenditures, \$1,064,496. In every year since 1861 there has been a surplus over all expenditures. During the year there were issued 21,998 patents and designs.

Senator Palmer For Orator. WASHINGTON, May 3.—The program of exercises for the unveiling of the statue of General Hancock here on the 12th inst. has been completed. President Cleveland will preside and possibly make a few introductory remarks. Senator Palmer of Illinois will be the orator of the day.

SWITCHING CHARGES RESTORED. Decision Handed Down by the Circuit Court of Appeals. CHICAGO, May 3.—The \$1 switching charge at the stock yards has been restored by the Santa Fe road, whose receivers were enjoined by Judge Grosscup from collecting it. The right to charge was affirmed by the United States circuit court of appeals. The yards are declared to be independent of the railroads and are not to be considered as freight stations of the roads that connect with them. The suit was brought by Wilson T. Keenan, and 37 other shippers followed him with intervening petitions, demanding for railroads of cattle to Chicago from Kansas City. He paid the yards \$3 switching charges under protest and then applied to the court for an injunction. He set up the plea that his waybill called for the delivery of the cattle at the Chicago station of the railroads. It is asserted that there was no station for cattle on the line of the Santa Fe other than the stock yards. The road claimed the yards were not a station.

SOUTH DAKOTA SOAKED. Nearly Eight Inches of Rain Has Fallen. Lakes Filling. SIOUX FALLS, May 3.—South Dakota never before came up to the first of May so wet, bedraggled and happy. For the last two weeks rain has been falling daily throughout the state and the soil is wet in many places to the depth of five feet. All the depressions are filled with water, the creeks are high, the lakes are filling up, the wells contain more water than in years, and the grain, though sown late, is further advanced than usual at this time. The rainfall at this point for April was 5.91 inches, making 7.76 since March 1. This is just about three times the precipitation for the two months last year.

Senator Sible's Residence Burned. ELSWORTH, Me., May 3.—"The Finer," the summer residence of United States Senator Sible, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss will probably reach \$50,000. It is thought the fire was the work of an incendiary.

Harris Calls a Meeting. PHILADELPHIA, May 3.—Chairman Harris has called a meeting of the subcommittee of the Democratic national committee, to be held at the Hotel Wellington, Chicago, Friday, May 4.

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NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Death of William Dixon. PIERCE, Neb., May 5.—William Dixon, one of the pioneers of Pierce county, died in this city, aged 56.

Nebraska Wins. LINCOLN, May 2.—The intercollegiate debate between Kansas and Nebraska was decided in favor of Nebraska.

Receiver for Banking Company. CHADRON, May 2.—A. A. Record was appointed receiver of the Chadron Banking company, which closed its doors some days ago.

Dr. Wardfield Reaches Omaha. OMAHA, May 3.—Rev. John A. Wardfield, D. D. of Brockton, Mass., the newly appointed pastor of the First Congregational church has arrived.

Short Fifty Thousand. LINCOLN, May 2.—The examination of the county treasurer's office has been completed. The total amount for which the bondsmen for the two terms are liable is \$50,000.

Nebraska Irrigation Fair. NORTH PLATTE, May 2.—At a meeting of the board of managers of the Nebraska Irrigation fair it was decided to give the first annual fair at North Platte Oct. 9 to 15, inclusive.

Cutting City Salaries. BEATRICE, Neb., May 2.—An ordinance was introduced at the council meeting which contemplates the reduction of all salaries of city employes from 20 to 40 per cent except those of councilmen.

Saloon at Plattsmouth Sings. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 2.—The saloon at Plattsmouth was discovered to be on fire. The fire department succeeded in saving the building, but the saloon stock and fixtures were damaged to the extent of \$2,800.

Horse Thief Goes Nine Years. GRETNA, Neb., May 1.—Edward Wyle, the horse thief who escaped from the officers here Sunday night, was recaptured near La Platte. At Papillion he pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary.

Dr. Mackay Is Exonerated. LINCOLN, May 2.—Dr. Mackay, who announced his findings in the Norfolk asylum investigation. He attributes the charges, in the main, to partisan bias, and declines to ask for the resignation of Dr. Mackay, the superintendent.

Captured at Quincy. YORK, Neb., May 2.—Word was received here from the chief of police of Quincy, Ills., that two men answering the description of King and Winninger, who broke jail here on the morning of April 15, had been arrested in that city.

Lingle on the Rack. BEATRICE, May 2.—The case of D. H. Lingle, charged with shooting at his wife with intent to kill, was called in Judge Enlow's court and continued to May 8. The case has attracted considerable public interest on account of the prominence of the family.

Contest Over Water Rights. CHADRON, Neb., May 2.—What promises to be the largest and most fiercely contested suit in the northwest Nebraska was filed by C. J. Grable, contesting the water rights of all parties in the county using water from White river, except the one controlled by himself. There are over 60 defendants.

Photographers Elect Officers. OMAHA, May 2.—The state photographers' association elected the following officers: President, W. C. Curry, Nebraska City; Vice-president, A. M. McIntyre of this city and "Swipes," the newsboy of Kansas City. The fight was lively while it lasted, but was made short by the decision of the referee in giving it to McIntyre in the third round on a foul.

Drinks Concentrated Eyes. NEBRASKA CITY, May 2.—A little 2-year-old son of J. Hill came very near dying yesterday from the effects of a quantity of concentrated lye which he had drank. Mrs. Hill had put the lye in a cup and placed it on the table. While she was out of the room the little boy became thirsty and drank it. A doctor was immediately called and after working with him several hours pronounced him out of danger.

Cadsky Closes Their Chicago Plant. SOUTH OMAHA, May 2.—The Cudsky Packing company notified General Manager Babcock of the Union Stock Yards company that it had closed its Chicago sheep slaughtering establishment as well as the cattle house and have transferred the business to the Omaha plant. The Cudsky company will be prepared to slaughter 1,000 sheep a day here, provided that number can be had.

Terminal Charges Abolished. SOUTH OMAHA, May 2.—Commencing May 1 all terminal charges on live stock shipments to this point are removed, and all charges for switching, unloading and loading stock are abolished. This action on the part of the railroads and the Union Stock Yards company means thousands of dollars to the producers of the west, and it also will bring to South Omaha thousands of heads of various kinds of stock which would continue to go to other markets were it not for the complete abolition of charges of this character. These changes in connection with the closing of certain killing departments in the packing district of Chicago, means higher prices, heavier packing and a better field of operations than South Omaha has ever enjoyed heretofore.

Beaten to Death. PERRY, O. T., May 3.—At McKinney, a small town 16 miles north of here, George R. McKinney, who owned most of the town and was a cowboy and hunter, was beaten to death by Sidney Roberts, William Hook and William Jones. A dispute over land believed to have actuated the deed and it is suspected also that money was taken from the corpse.

Texas Populists Select Delegates. TEXARKANA, Ark., May 2.—The Populists of the Fourth Texas congressional district recently held a caucus here, headed by "Cyclone" Davis, to select the national convention at St. Louis. They were instructed to stand square on the Omaha platform. A congressional candidate will be named in August.

Veteran Driver Doubt Dead. CHICAGO, May 3.—News was received in Chicago today of the death in Philadelphia of William H. Doble, the oldest driver of Nebraska, at the age of 92. He was the father of a family of reindeer, and among whom is Budd Doble, who has driven two different horses to the champion record.

OUR FLAG ON THE SEA. AMERICAN MERCANTILE MARINE TO BE REVIVED. Disappointing Duties Fettering Our Shipping to Be Rescued—Will Cover Ocean With Stars and Stripes—Senator McKim Makes a Vigorous Fight. Senator Elkins of West Virginia is making a good fight for the enactment of a shipping law that shall discriminate in favor of the shipping interests of the United States. Senator Elkins is a stalwart protectionist, and he is ready to support any measure that will be beneficial to American interests, whether the factory, the farm or the common carrier.

The West Virginia senator is equally in earnest with respect to the bill which he introduced early in the session, the object of which was to restore the discriminating policy as enacted by former legislation of congress by which American ships carrying goods imported from foreign ports are to be given an advantage over ships owned and sailed by foreigners. This policy is in line with the best protection to American shipping, which is certainly entitled to every fair advantage that can be given by the laws of an American congress. Senator Elkins' bill is still quietly sleeping in the pigeonholes of the committee on commerce, and although that committee is presided over by so good a friend of American shipping as the honorable Senator Elkins, however, that in the face of the discouragements of the times he continues his fight for all protective measures, and that he promises to stir up the senate before the present session is ended with some vigorous talk and work for the enactment of a discriminating policy in favor of our shipping.

The history of such discriminating duties, the levying of a 10 per cent additional duty on goods imported from foreign countries when they are brought in here in foreign ships, gives so much credit to the beneficent effects of that policy upon our shipping that it