

SPUYTEN DUYVIL.

The Dreadful Disaster of Last Friday Night.

Full Particulars of the Accident and List of the Dead and Injured.

The Whole Thing Caused by the Negligence of the Rear Brakeman.

Who Hated to Go Far from His Train.

National Associated Press.

NEW YORK, January 14.—The cause of the accident on the New York Central railroad at Spuyten Duyvil last night was this: The special Tarrytown local theater passenger train, at full speed, ran into the rear of the through western express to New York, which had stopped in a deep cut just previous to crossing Harlem river to Manhattan island, because of some accident to the air brake.

Both coaches were filled with passengers, and stoves and lamps upset, oil and coal scattered, and both of the wrecked coaches took fire and were almost instantly a mass of flames. The cut being through solid rock, which stands close to the track on both sides and very high, it was almost impossible for the passengers to escape and entirely impossible for assistance to reach them.

Young Valentine, who was killed together with his bride, Mrs. Louise Valentine, of North Adams, Mass., was married on Tuesday night. They were crushed, and burned in the fire which followed. Lieutenant Governor Barston, of Vermont, was with the bridal party, but went forward as the train stopped, and escaped uninjured. Park Valentine, Sr., also with Valentine, was on the platform of the rear car and jumped off, escaping uninjured.

The unknown woman whose body was recovered from under the stove, is supposed to be Mrs. Maude Brown, of this city. Miss May Daniels, on her way from Troy to visit friends in New York, was rescued alive. She suffered contusions and burns but will recover. Oliver Kelley, a stove manufacturer of Spring City, Pa., was taken out through a window in a dying condition, his right arm was lifted nearly to the shoulder, and he was internally injured. He was 38 years old. His doing words were directions to send to his wife. The body of a man of large stature, the face burned past recognition, was next taken from the wreck. Then came a body apparently that of a negro supposed to be one of the palace car employees. Then two more charred and blackened trunks of human form were lifted out upon blankets by the five men. One of them was the body of a man. On the other, it was conjectured, was that of a woman. It was some time before more bodies were found and then fragments only remained of them. It was impossible to tell whether they were parts of one, two or more human beings. Up to midnight the total number of dead was 8 and badly wounded 2.

The wreck of one car only, the rear car, had been examined. The express train on Friday during the session of the legislature has generally added to it Albany a number of palace coaches to accommodate members going south to spend Saturday and Sunday at home. The assembly generally adjourning from Friday noon to Monday, as it did yesterday. The train leaves Albany at 2:40 p. m. and is due in New York at 7 p. m., making 160 miles with two stops. Yesterday it did not leave until 3:20 p. m. It consisted of fourteen cars, being two mails, two baggage, three passenger and six palace coaches, the latter in the following order from the rear: Idlewild, Empire, Minnehaha, Vanderbilt, Sharon and Red Jacket. These coaches were all Wagner cars, very heavy and strong, closely and stiffly coupled and packed with people, a majority of whom were assembled from New York and Brooklyn and politicians and reporters who had been engaged in the political deadlock at Albany. Most of the reporters were in the Empire, where State Senators Wagner, Jacobs, Browning, Monk, Robert Van Allen, Costello, McManus and Sheehy, Emigration Commissioner Ulrich and others were discussing the deadlock when the train stopped in the cut. It did so gradually and the pause caused no alarm. Mr. Valentine sr., whose son and his bride were in a compartment on the Idlewild when the train had stopped, went on the rear platform and looked out to see what was the matter. Another passenger, a slim man, joined him. Valentine heard the shrill whistle of the Tarrytown express, approaching at a speed of forty-five miles an hour, at the whistling on the approach to warn the trackmen. He looked back up the cut, and at two hundred feet away saw a headlight coming. He sprang off the platform and climbed up the side of the cut and escaped. The small man turned and ran back into

the car and must have been instantly killed. Park Valentine and his bride were evidently not killed by the collision, but were burned to death. Their charred bodies were found close together.

Valentine, senior, says that who he saw the headlight the man with a red and white light, who had been sent back to signal the Tarrytown train, was standing waving his lantern not ten feet from the rear of the platform of the Idlewild. The train had stopped two minutes before the collision and he could have got up the track far enough to stop the Tarrytown. The engineer and fireman of the Tarrytown train stuck to their posts and did all in their power to reverse. Both were found in the cab in the middle of the wreck, neither seriously hurt.

When the train was stopped Senator Wagner arose from his seat in the Empire and walked out on the rear platform of that car where he was standing when the collision occurred. He must have been instantly killed and afterwards burned, as the forward floor of the Idlewild was telescoped over the car floor of the Empire. The roof of the Idlewild was shoved until it lapped completely that of the Empire.

Passengers in both trains were thrown violently from their seats and nearly all more or less injured. Geo. J. Spinnery, reporter of The New Times, escaped through a window of the Empire, and hearing an aged gentleman fastened in the same car crying for help crawled back through the same window, extricated him, although the car was blazing at the time, took off his own ulster, wrapped it around the old gentleman, extinguished the fire on his clothes and then helped him out to a place of safety. After this Spinnery gathered notes of the wreck and telegraphed The Times two columns report of the wreck.

It has been ascertained that when the train stopped Senator Wagner went forward and ascertained that the engineer stopped because he found he could not control the air brakes while the train was in motion, and wanted the defect remedied before he took the train through the city streets. Wagner then started back to see that the danger signals were put out and was on this mission when killed.

The bodies of all the victims had been brought to this city at 11 a. m. The question of responsibility for the disaster is now the main topic of discussion. All railroad officials agree that the blame rests entirely with Melius, the brakeman, who neglected to flag the Tarrytown train in time to prevent the collision. The coroner ordered the arrest of Melius this afternoon.

John M. Townly, general superintendent of the Hudson River railroad, said this afternoon that the blame of the disaster rested entirely with Melius, the brakeman. When mechanical expedients are exhausted, it is found best to send the rear brakeman back to flag any coming train. This is a standing order, and the brakeman knew he would be dismissed if he violated it. Melius feared no excuse, beyond that he feared the train would leave him behind. Experience proves that recalling a man back is as dangerous as not to send at all. The conductor is not expected to see, or know his brakemen are out. A train is too long a conductor to see everything. The rear brakeman is always selected and supposed to understand the responsibility of his position. The brakeman in this case did not do his known duty, and the company could not supply foresight to know if its employe does his duty. Superintendent Catlin, in charge of the brakemen of the Hudson River and Central railroad, said: "I examined the case this morning, and found the cause of stoppage of the train was that one of the plugs of the auxiliary air reservoir on mail car 678, of the Lake Shore Line, that came through from Chicago, gave out, and this released the spring brake which caused stoppage of the car and train. As air passes all cars which were connected, it thus became necessary to bleed the air chamber in which the spring was, to have the pressure taken off so that the train could proceed. I understand Conductor George J. Hanford, in charge of the train, who is a very careful man, at once sent back Brakeman Melius with a red lantern, to stop any train that might come in the rear, and then went forward to see what was the matter. Melius had ample time to have gone half a mile, if necessary, and it is likely that there is where the fatal error occurred, as from all accounts the man went back a very short distance. I understand Melius has disappeared, and was last heard of at Poughkeepsie, where he lives."

Coroner Merkle, in whose district the accident took place, and Dr. Waterman took a special train to the scene of the collision this morning. On their arrival they found the bodies already sent by order of Coroner Knox to the Grand Central depot. Merkle telegraphed Superintendent Bissel to hold the bodies until he got back. On Merkle's return Coroner Knox at once turned over jurisdiction in the case to him. Merkle examined the bodies. All of them identified by friends will be taken in charge by them. The bodies of the unknown man that of the supposed clergyman were taken by Merritt, undertaker, to await identification. Property and valuables of the victims were given to Detective Shannon of the Grand Central depot, excepting those kept by the coroner for identification. The property of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine were given to Mr. Valentine, Sr. The body of Oliver B. Keely, of Spring City, Pa., was taken to Merritt's. Miss Brown's body was left in charge of friends. Merkle examined General Superintendent Townly and Bissel in regard to the accident. They know nothing personally of the affair. Had been informed one of the air brakes of the Chicago express got out of order and that the train was brought to a stand and that the accommodation train following ran into it. The only reason they could imagine for this disaster was that the flagman had not

gone back far enough to allow the train being brought to a stand.

Bissel telegraphed orders to Poughkeepsie, where Brakeman Melius lives, that he come down. Coroner Merkle authorized Sergeant Goodell, of the Nineteenth sub-precinct, to arrest Melius on arrival and let the coroner know of the arrest so that he could give him a preliminary examination.

The inquest will be held in the early part of next week. It is now claimed the fire which consumed the greater portion of the wreck was not caused by the stoves. Each car is supplied with about a dozen lamp oil lamps. When the roofs of two cars cut under each other they were ignited by the lamps which remained in place and floors and furniture caught fire from the lamps which were shattered.

All passengers who have been interviewed unite in denouncing the brakeman, who had time enough to have gone back a mile and flagged the second train.

Oliver B. Keely, who lived several hours after being conveyed to a hotel, was conscious to the last. He recognized one of the police as a fellow mason and told the officer he was a member of the Spring City Lodge, No. 553. "Write to my wife," he said, "and give her my love." They were his last words. One arm was burned off and the body was fairly roasted.

Mrs. T. W. Brown, who was killed, was returning from a visit to the bedside of a dying relative. Her husband is a mining stock broker at 58 Broadway. He went to the Grand Central expecting to meet her. The first intimation he received that there had been an accident was the arrival of a portion of the express train. One brakeman told him the remainder of the car was at the scene of the disaster. Filled with apprehension of the worst, Mr. Brown procured a carriage and drove to the scene. He found the body of his wife. The lady was about 40. The remains were brought to her late residence on Forty-second street.

The remains of Mr. Daniel I. Ransom were identified. He had been a guest at the Hoffman house about two years. He was 32 years old, unmarried, and from St. Lawrence. His business here was that of a stock speculator.

THE DEAD.

The following is a correct list of the dead:

Senator W. Wagner, New York; Park Valentine, Bennington, Vermont; Mrs. Louise Valentine, of North Adams, Mass.

Dr. D. L. Ransom, Messina, N. Y. Rev. Father Marshall, St. J. Troy. O. B. Keely, Spring City, Pa. L. R. Pringle, Philadelphia.

WOUNDED.

Briggs, New York, severe internal injuries.

J. W. Browning, senator, of New York, cut in the head and otherwise badly wounded.

Edward Cahill, New York City, bruised about the ribs and back.

A. Chapin, assemblyman, Brooklyn, cut in the head with glass.

Mary Daniels, Sherwood house, New York, scalded on the breast and arms.

John C. Jacobs, senator, Brooklyn, bruised about the head and shoulders.

Edward Kearney, New York City, bruised about the arms and body.

Leonard Kullerhouse, Kingsbridge, severely bruised about the head and body.

Robert A. Livingston, assemblyman, Putnam, slightly bruised.

Sydney P. Nichols, police commissioner, New York City, cut on the arms and legs.

Mrs. E. R. Phillips, White Plains, severely bruised on the head and shoulders.

Hampton J. Robb, assemblyman, New York City, bruised on the head and shoulders.

Edward C. Sheehy, assemblyman, New York City, severely bruised about the body.

ALBANY, January 14.—The senate chamber has been draped in mourning. The desk of the late Senator Morgan is also draped.

At the meeting of the senate Monday night arrangements will be made for attending the funeral in a body on Tuesday.

H. R. Valentine, father of the young bridegroom, has returned to Troy on his way to his home in Birmingham. He says the story of the bride clinging to her husband so that neither could escape is erroneous. They must have both been killed instantly. Mr. Valentine is himself utterly prostrated by the shock.

ALBANY, January 15.—Senator Grady says the deadlock is not affected by the death of Senator Wagner. The governor must issue a call for a special election to fill the vacancy and the election must be held within thirty days thereafter. The district is strongly republican.

PHILADELPHIA, January 15.—Oliver B. Keely, who was one of the victims of the Spuyten Duyvil disaster, was well known in this city, having had an office and warehouse on North Second street. He was accompanied by George Thomas, one of his salesmen and a resident of Philadelphia. He has not been heard of since and it is feared he was one of the victims. He was a single man 33 years of age.

EXTRADITION MIDDLE.

PITTSBURG, January 15.—The case of Miller, who escaped from the penitentiary here in a shoe box, who is now in Toronto awaiting extradition, bids fair to become of national interest. Wardens Wright and Dressler are there ready to nab him as soon as the Canadian authorities give him up, which they will not do for some time yet. Miller was arrested on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and released on his own recognizance, and then arrested on the charge of attempting to murder the victims of the Catfish (Penn.) robbery, for which he was originally imprisoned. This latter charge is made in order to ex-

pedite matters. The question arises whether there is any extradition treaty between the United States and Canada. The case will have to go to the Canada superior court for decision.

Brief Telegrams.

National Associated Press. Rich mineral discoveries have been made near Wilcox, Arizona. Specimens of ore from the ledges assay from \$600 to \$12,000. The district has been named Caches. The excitement has reached Tombstone and Dos Cabezas. Large numbers are coming in from the surrounding districts.

Owing to the harsh north winds which have prevailed for the last few days the grass has all dried upon California and sheep raisers are getting seriously alarmed.

A new trial has been granted W. F. Burns, sentenced to hang at Dover, Ark., on next Friday.

Gov. Blackburn telegraphs that Major Hicks must hang in Corinth on next Friday with small box or not. The doctors say he will probably die before the time. He is now delirious.

The mother of the late Gen. Geo. A. Custer died Saturday morning at Monroe, Mich.

The Detroit Evening News is receiving congratulations by telegrams from all parts of the state, over the victorious termination of its libel suit, still in jail pending steps for his arraignment for the murder of Martha Whitla.

R. L. Hood's defalcation as cashier of the local freight office of the Wabash, at Detroit, will foot up considerable more than \$10,000. He had been gambling and drinking to excess for months past. His present whereabouts are unknown.

A vein of petroleum has been discovered at Pomeroy, Kansas, near Leavenworth.

Chas. P. Jones, one of the shrewdest crooks in the country, escaped jail at Akron, Ohio, Saturday night, with the aid of a servant girl, who also disappeared.

News is received of the death by suicide of Wm. Garner, Bellows Falls, of Gloucester county, New Brunswick, Saturday. He first attempted to cut his throat with an axe and failed. He went to his barn and by means of a scythe made a frightful gash from ear to ear, which speedily terminated his life.

By the fall of two-story frame houses in the rear of 103 Prince street, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday, three boys, William Spellan, William Winchette and Thos. Bulo, were killed. Two other boys narrowly escaped being killed. It is rumored that the body of a man is still amid the debris.

Auditor Massey holds out in opposition to the retention of the Virginia legislative caucus rule adopted by the readjusters, which provides for the appointment by the caucus of clerks in capitol offices.

A bill was introduced in the Virginia legislature on Saturday, providing that all state, city or county bonds hereafter issued shall bear on their face the provision that they shall be taxed at the same rate as lands.

German citizens of Richmond have petitioned the Virginia legislature to take action to facilitate immigration.

Samuel Green fatally stabbed John Leflingwell, in a drunken row at Volunstown, Conn. Marital infidelity on the part of Leflingwell's wife was the cause which led to the crime. Green was arrested.

Venerable John M. Bell, once a prominent citizen of Dayton, Ohio, was struck by a D. & M. locomotive just north of that city and killed on Saturday.

Col. W. H. Sparks, a noted Georgian, died suddenly at Marietta, Ga., on Friday night. About the time South Carolina seceded he was famous for his anti-secession sentiments, and once when he made a speech in New Orleans threats of lynching him were made.

Harry Bascom, the actor whose feet were frozen near Boston recently, necessitating amputation, has applied for admission to Furber's Home. The application will be granted.

The large ocean steamship Queen of the Pacific, constructed for the Pacific Coast Steamship company, was successfully launched from the shipyard of Wm. Cramp & Sons, Philadelphia, Saturday, the ceremony of christening being performed by Miss Julia Cole, of Staten Island. The vessel has accommodation for 130 first-class and seventy-five steerage passengers. She will ply between San Francisco and Portland, Oregon, and will be ready to leave for her destination in about a month.

George Appler, a car examiner on the New York Central & Hudson River railroad, was crushed between two freight cars and instantly killed yesterday morning at the Utica freight depot.

The Bond adherents have decided to abandon the proposed contest and at noon Saturday the new president, Gowen, took possession of the Reading road.

On Saturday Gov. Cameron approved the Riddleberger bill, No. 50, known there as the "coupon killer" bill, which provides that a court of justice or a jury shall pass upon the genuineness of such coupons as may be offered before they are accepted by the state for taxes.

To-day the rates on flour and grain from Chicago to the seaboard will be advanced by the trunk lines.

The Dominion government announces in the Canada Official Gazette they have disallowed the provincial act of the Manitoba legislature incorporating the Winnipeg Southeastern railroad company.

Notwithstanding the circular recently issued by the Dominion government calling on certain banks to make return to the government loans on bank stock, etc., the monthly bank statement shows advances under the head of loans, discounts, or advances

for which stock, bonds or debentures, etc., are held as collateral, have increased from \$1,269,961 in November to \$1,295,340 during the last month, owing to heavy losses sustained.

The paid up capital of the Exchange bank of Yarmouth has been impaired 20 per cent. The directors recommend steps be taken for reducing the paid up capital in all 30 per cent, thus providing for a reserve of about \$40,000 and placing the bank in condition to resume business.

Compliments of Whitelaw Reid. National Associated Press.

NEW YORK, January 15.—White-law Reid in a personal editorial yesterday referring to the man who printed in the Herald recently Reid's alleged letter of advice to Garfield, used the following language: "But to Messrs. Conkling & Co., who put him forward, we have not sought a revival of last summer's warfare. We know that no friend of the president has sought it with his approval and that no friend of the republican party seeks it. Whoever does seek it will speedily learn that the essential facts have not been changed by the bullet of the assassin. The nomination of Judge Robertson was eminently fitting and Garfield did not change the character of it. The resignation of Messrs. Conkling and Platt was an act of incredible and childish folly, and Garfield has not changed that. The verdict against them by their own legislature was overwhelming, yet it only faintly expressed the condemnation of the state and country, and Garfield has not changed that. The people of the country believed in and loved Garfield, and Garfield has not changed that. They count too largely on Garfield's bullet who think the time has already come to attempt the rehabilitation of the senatorial judiciary by slandering or belittling the martyred president."

Heavy Grocery Failure. National Associated Press.

CHICAGO, January 15.—It will be a genuine surprise to the business community to-morrow morning to learn that late on Saturday evening the old established wholesale grocery house of Sibley, Dudley & Co., 48 and 50 South Water street, made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. Henry M. Humphry, of the firm of Mosbeck & Humphry, who recently performed a similar service for Koenigs, Clevs & Co., was made trustee. The liabilities of the firm are placed by themselves at \$225,000, and assets at \$245,000. The stock will in accounts, which are widely scattered. The house has been established over twenty years and has been doing a business of a million and a half a year. Their failure was precipitated by the falling due of notes to the amount of \$75,000, which the firm had given W. F. Endicott, a former partner in the firm of Sibley, Endicott & Co., who were succeeded three years ago by Sibley, Dudley & Co. It is understood there are a large number of creditors both in the east and west, but it is thought no one will be seriously affected.

Pacific Railroad News. National Associated Press.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., January 15.—Information has been received from semi-official sources that the Central Pacific will not build east to the Missouri river, but only to the Wyoming coal fields and send a branch from there south to the Union Pacific line somewhere near the Green river and take passengers and freight there. The same informant says the Southern Pacific is making contracts for transportation of California wheat to England and New Orleans at the same rate as was paid for all sea routes. Wheat cars will be fitted up to carry commodities and a fare of \$30 from eastern points to San Francisco is promised.

National Association of Amateur Orators. National Associated Press.

NEW YORK, January 15.—At a regular meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of Amateur Orators Saturday, it was decided to abandon the six-car large race at the regatta, and substitute a four-car junior race. The committee appointed decided the Hillsdale crew should be sent to England. A committee was appointed to decide upon the time and place for the regatta. The officers of the association were then constituted a committee to devise ways and means for sending the Hillsdale to England.

Small Pox. National Associated Press.

RICHMOND, Va., January 15.—Caroline Kiechings-Barnard died in this city yesterday morning of small pox. Her death created great grief here. She was buried in Hollywood cemetery. Rev. K. G. Armstrong officiating.

There is no noticeable increase of small pox here and the alarm is subsiding.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., January 14.—Five new cases of small pox to-day, making forty-two cases in all.

The Right Way to Pray. National Associated Press.

PITTSBURG, January 15.—A Washington, Pa., special to the Leader says Thomas Forsyth, who with his brother Moshae and Wm. Barringer brutally murdered Thos. Forsyth at Monongahela City last April, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. The three defendants were granted separate trials. Moshae's commences Monday. The jury offered prayer before taking a vote on the verdict.

The Star Route Trial. National Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, January 15.—Several clerks in the contract office were put on the stand yesterday to identify certain bids as having been taken from the files of that office and the question of the admissibility of evidence was raised by the defense. The case was adjourned at 1:40 at the request of the defense until Wednesday.

GAMBETTA'S GRIP.

Strengthening His Hold on the French Government.

By Attempting the Enactment of Laws that Do Not Suit the Majority.

The Attempt to Restore Parnell to Liberty Looked Upon as a Weakness.

And in View of the Circumstances It Will Not be Done.

National Associated Press.

PARIS, January 15.—Gambetta's attitude in the chamber of deputies on ascending the tribune to propose the revision of the 1875 constitution was firmer and more conservative than ever. He knew, no doubt, that the game he had to play was dangerous, and seemed quite resigned to stand or fall with dignity. A deputation of the radical left had endeavored to ascertain his final determination on the question of the revision of the senate and of the scrutin de liste, but the Cesar had flatly refused to enlighten them before the meeting of the chamber further than by declaring that if it was defeated on a vote the cabinet would at once resign. This had not unnaturally put the radicals, who now number about one hundred members, into an exceedingly bad temper, and when the president of the council began his long and elaborate statement of the motives which had actuated the cabinet in raising the question of revision at this particular moment, he was received by the more advanced portion of the chamber with anything but an encouraging manner. His usual supporters on the benches of the left and left centre meanwhile kept perfect silence, while the right, having nothing to gain or lose in the matter, seemed themselves utterly indifferent. As the reading of the document went on, the attitude of the house grew more and more chilling, and when, after an hour and a half, Gambetta returned to his seat on the ministerial bench, not half a dozen hands were raised to applaud him.

LONDON, January 15.—Ministerialists say that there will be no more cabinet councils this month. There has been no addition to the programme already announced, but a final decision has been taken to demand closure, a measure of equal stringency as the American "previous question" requiring only a bare majority to close a debate. This is deemed the means of restoring legislative efficiency. The suggestion of release of Parnell and other members of parliament excited strong opposition and would be regarded alike in Ireland and England as a fresh weak attempt at impossible conciliation. Ireland remains in statu quo. The decision of the central land court in the appealed cases is anxiously awaited.

The Indian government reiterates the warning to the King of Burmah against granting monopolies in defiance of the English treaty.

Dr. Carver defeated Graham yesterday in a match shooting off two ties. Each shot at 22 birds. Carver won both ties.

BRUSSELS, January 15.—Herr Puttkamer, on opening the Prussian diet yesterday, referred to the improved state of the government's finances and railways, they having yielded 29,000,000 marks surplus and there was a prospective increase of railroad revenues during the coming year.

He asked a vote for the establishment of productive works in order to give greater employment to the work-glass. He also said he would early in the session introduce a bill providing for the enforcement of the ecclesiastical laws of July 28th and also enlarging in its scope the provisions of the act enacting the law.

In conclusion he stated the friendly relations between Prussia and the Vatican had been resumed.

CLAIMS FOR ATTENDING GARFIELD. National Associated Press.

The committee to audit accounts growing out of the shooting, sickness and burial of President Garfield gave notice to-day to claimants to present their claims before the 10th of February.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On Friday the secretary of the navy, through the United States minister at St. Petersburg, sent orders to Lieut. Dorchauer and Engineer Millville, of the Jeannette search expedition, not to leave the vicinity where they landed until the remainder of the expedition had been secured and to help in the search by all means in their power.

The agricultural congress is most largely attended by southern and western farmers. Cereal crops were considered and papers read by Prof. Blunt, of Colorado, and Col. Burkman, of the United States signal service. Dr. R. L. Brown, of Indiana, read a paper on the better organization of agricultural work throughout the country.

There have already been introduced in the two houses of congress during the fifteen days actual session, 350 bills, besides joint concurrent and simple resolutions.

tions and innumerable petitions, and less than fourteen of all have been discussed. From now to only are 169 days, from which deducting Sundays, holidays and days for memorial services remain 100 working days. If no more bills are introduced it would require each house work off twenty-six bills, each, a day, not considering the fourteen general appropriation bills, and every Monday for months new bills will pour in so that the hopelessness of the private claims may be understood.

Kansas Laws in a Muddle. TOPEKA, KAN., January 15.—By the recent decision of the state supreme court it has been discovered that the laws of Kansas since 1875 are in a most magnificent muddle. By the constitution of this state the lower house of the legislature can in no case consist of more than 125 members, yet in 1877 the number in the house exceeded this number; in 1879 the house consisted of 137 members, and in 1881 the house consisted of 138 members. Hence it follows according to the decision of our supreme court promulgated on January 5th, 1882, that all laws passed which only had a majority by reason of the assistance of the illegally voting members of the house are simply no laws at all and are absolutely void. As the houses and senate journals are still in the hands of the printer, it is not known at this time what effect this decision will have upon the laws of a general nature.

Satisfied in a Church. National Associated Press.

OTTAWA, Ont., January 14.—Last evening, while the congregation of the Catholic church were engaged in devotion, a report of a pistol was heard, coming from the seats in the centre of the building. A general stampede followed, and it was some time before the cause of the report was discovered. After nearly every one had left the church an old man was found in a kneeling position with blood flowing from his right temple, still holding a revolver in his hand. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but before a doctor arrived the unfortunate man expired. It appears that the victim, who was a stranger in the city, was named Thos. Wileh, and had a few days since been admitted to the home for the aged. Temporary insanity was the cause.

Canadian Bank Cracked. National Associated Press.

WYOMING, Ont., January 15.—A safe in Faucett's banking office here was blown open Friday night and a considerable amount of cash taken. Entrance to the bank was obtained by forcing one of the windows and no less than three doors fitted with combination locks were blown open before the booty was secured. The explosion shattered the front windows forty feet away and covered the floor of the large vault with a mass of broken iron and plaster. Many people were startled from their sleep by the noise but thought nothing further of it. The tools, stolen from a blacksmith shop near by, and a quantity of putty were left behind by the burglars.

Tried to Kill a Peddler. National Associated Press.

HARRISBURG, Pa., January 15.—Charles and Augustus Dean, of Mercer's Gap, Cumberland county, have been arrested and lodged in jail at New Bloomfield on the charge of attempting to murder a peddler. The man stopped over night at the residence of Dean and next morning they waylaid and shot him, and supping him dead, threw him under a brush heap along the road side, where a man in a buggy found him shortly afterwards. The peddler was taken before a justice of the peace and told his story with great difficulty. A constable who arrested the Deans found them dividing the victim's money.

Canada vs. the Pullman Company. National Associated Press.

MONTREAL, Can., January 15.—The amount of the claim on the part of the customs officials against the Pullman car company for infraction of the revenue laws is about \$60,000. This amount, it is expected, will be further augmented by the further claim made of some \$20,000 for repairs made to car fittings in the United States upon Canadian built cars which should have been done in Canada. It is asserted that although the government cannot collect for infractions of that kind beyond the last three years, yet should their case be made they can complete the amount by the weight of the fine imposed.

Fanny Verdier. National Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, January 15.—The jury in the case of Robert Lyster Smith, charged with shooting Samuel Josephs in a railroad train while returning from a democratic convention at Williamsport, announced Saturday morning they could not agree. Judge Briggs expressed an opinion that the case was a plain one and instructed the jury they must agree. Later in the day they returned a lengthy verdict to the effect that the pistol was fired in a frolic. Smith was released on \$5,000 bail until Tuesday, when the court will decide if it can enter judgment under the verdict.

Hammered a Lawyer. National Associated Press.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., January 15.—Last night J. D. White, a resident of Upper township, Chester county, brutally assaulted Charles Penny-packer, of this place. The affray, which took place in a lawyer's office, had its origin in business relations. The assailant was formerly a client of Pennypacker's. The latter is in a serious condition.

Twelve Hundred Men Thrown Out. National Associated Press.

PITTSBURG, January 15.—It is stated on good authority that the four mills of the Siemens and Anderson steel company were shut down yesterday for an indefinite period, throwing 1,200 men out of employment.