

FOREIGN FLASHES.

France and China About to Open War.

Exciting Scenes at the Trial of Poole.

Minister Lowell as a Lord Receptor - Chinese Pirates - Prussian Finances.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

POOLE SENTENCED TO DEATH. DUBLIN, November 20.—At the trial, to-day, of Joseph Poole, for the murder of John Kenny, William Larnie, brother-in-law of the prisoner, and an informer, repeated his former evidence. He believed, at the time of the murder, that Kenny had been an informer, but was now of the opinion that revenge for the seduction of a girl caused the murder. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as indicted. The court pronounced sentence of death upon the prisoner.

before he was sentenced Poole spoke at length in earnest and at times in excited tones. He emphatically denied that he murdered Kenney, admitted he was a member of the Fenian brotherhood and said he would be proud to go to the scaffold for being a member of it. His object was not to commit murder, but to free Ireland from the tyrannical rule of England. He believed he was persecuted because he was the enemy of the government under which he had the misfortune to live. Poole acknowledged being in Kenney's company on the night of the murder, but declared he had no hand in striking him down. He had belonged to the brotherhood since he was 16 years of age, but had never belonged to a vigilance committee. His purpose was to wait until his countrymen were prepared to strike a blow for independence when he would co-operate with them. In conclusion he said: "I am not afraid to die. Fearless will I go to the gallows. Three cheers for the Irish republic! Death to English tyrants!"

Poo e will be hanged December 18. The judge in passing sentence upon the prisoner was deeply affected. He said the evidence left the jury no other alternative, and he quite coincided in the verdict of guilty. Poole's father went aloud, exclaiming: "Oh, Joe! Joe!" The prisoner replied, falteringly: "Keep up, father! keep up! Don't give way! I am ready to die!"

AN ALLEGED IRISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY.

LONDON, November 20.—The Standard publishes a long letter from a correspondent, whose good faith it states to be beyond question and who professes to be a member of an American-Irish secret society. The writer regrets having joined the organization and says every one watches the other, that he is a paid officer receiving thirteen dollars weekly, that he must keep himself acquainted with the whereabouts of 228 men who are under him and to whom he is required to hand sealed orders, that everything is done with the greatest secrecy by ballot, and no one knows the other's business, although several may have similar tasks to perform. The writer believes some employes of the postoffice are members of the society, as it is known at headquarters when a member receives a letter from a wife, and also from whom. He says "the old man" has now reorganized everything since the last great failure and some new movement is contemplated, as thirty of his party left for, a some time to him unknown destination, all of whom received sums of English money. The writer concludes by saying: "It is a cruel tyranny. When the catch is taken the member surrenders his liberty and spies watch his every step."

THE PRUSSIAN DIET.

BERLIN, November 20.—The Prussian Diet was opened to-day by Van Putkamen, Minister of the Interior. The speech from the throne set forth that the financial situation had improved and the working of the railways by the state had resulted in the accumulation of a considerable surplus. The new budget does not make any claim upon the credit of the state, but certain dispositions continue in regard to the resources in the treasury as compared with the demand upon it arising from the pressure of communal charges, and the inadequacy of salaries of public officials. The speech announces a bill taxing incomes derived from property and of measures for the further purchase of railways by the state. In view of the fact that the imperial budget fixes a much smaller matriculation contribution, and that a larger revenue is expected from the customs duties and the tobacco tax, it has been possible to frame the budget for 1884-85 so as to see an equilibrium between receipts and expenditures. The speech concludes by announcing that the state is turning its labors in securing an assured peaceful state of affairs throughout the country. The budget estimates the receipts and expenditures of the fiscal years 1884-85 at 1,112,800,000 marks each.

ADVERSITY CRITICISM.

The proposed bill for the taxation of incomes referred to in the royal speech at the opening of the diet applies only to incomes from personal property. Members of the chamber of deputies received the speech coldly. They complain that the passage dealing with bills on taxation is not clear. The liberal newspapers criticize the speech adversely, saying that it does not satisfy public curiosity concerning the real taxation; that the programme is generally colorless and insignificant, and that the proposed bill taxing incomes according from capital will not obtain a majority in the lower house of the diet, especially while landed property remains exempt from impost.

THE TRIAL OF O'DONNELL.

LONDON, November 20.—The statement in a New York paper of October 29 that O'Donnell was evasive in answering questions regarding his American citizenship to Secretary Hoppin, of the American legation, O'Donnell regarding Hoppin as a British detective, are untrue. Hoppin, on the contrary, was aggressively pressed by O'Donnell, who was open and frank and gave him all the evidence he had as to his American citizenship, which has been sent to Washington. It is probable the trial will be postponed a week in consequence of the non-arrival

of witnesses from the Cape of Good Hope.

THE CHINESE PIRATES.

HONG KONG, November 20.—Pirates are displaying great activity along the river banks. Junks and launches are frequently fired upon. The water communication with Hanoi is threatened. The pirates are badly armed, but are spreading terror among the villagers. Four villages have been destroyed in the vicinity of Haiphong. The military authorities are helpless because the executive power is in the hands of civilians, who have no adequate force beyond incompetent police.

IS MR. LOWELL ELIGIBLE?

LONDON, November 20.—The polling for a lord rector of St. Andrews university will take place next Thursday. James Russell Lowell and Rt. Hon. Edward Gibson (conservative), member of parliament for Dublin university, have been nominated. A student lodged a protest against the nomination of Mr. Lowell on the ground that he is an alien, and therefore ineligible. Earl Selborne, lord high chancellor, having been questioned as to whether Mr. Lowell is eligible to the rectorship, stated in his opinion nothing in the Scottish university act of 1858 precluded his election.

THE CHINESE ARMY.

LONDON, November 20.—A Vienna correspondent says he hears from a reliable Chinese source that the government at Peking has sent a circular to eighteen viceroys, pointing out the gravity of the resolution to oppose to the utmost the French invaders. Therefore, it says, the services of 120,000 are required. The viceroys are enjoined forthwith to recruit men for the force desired by the government and to provide the necessary uniforms and provisions.

THE FROG IMMIGRANTS.

OTTAWA, November 20.—The report made by the combined city charities points out the terribly destitute condition of the poor Irish immigrant families in this city. To-day's Globe asks why should not the imperial government be called upon to refund what Toronto and other Canadian cities have to pay for the support of some of those who, reduced to abject poverty admittedly by injustice and misgovernment, are sent us because the imperial policy requires their removal from Ireland.

MORE VICTIMS REPORTED.

St. JOHNS, N. F., November 20.—The brigantine Bonnie Lassie was lost in the recent hurricane with Captain Hagan, and crew of ten. The brigantine was from the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The crew got ashore after a terrible suffering for forty-eight hours in a small boat with only one oar. Other vessels are reported lost but the crews were saved.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OPPOSED.

ROME, November 21.—Yesterday while the communal council was discussing the question of entrusting priests with the religious instruction of pupils in municipal schools the crowd burst into the hall whistling and hooting. The hall was finally closed and the discussion was resumed with closed doors. Several arrests have been made.

MR. SIEMENS DEAD.

LONDON, November 20.—Charles William Siemens, scientist, engineer and electrician, died to-day of rupture of the heart, aged 63. The council of the society of arts postponed its opening meeting, announced for to-morrow, on account of his death.

QUEEN VICTORIA LEFT THE QUEEN.

Queen Victoria left Balmoral to-day for Windsor castle. The police closely guarded the train to Aberdeen. The Great Western railway company took extraordinary precautions, and at Windsor a large gang of men guarded the arches.

ATTACKED BY TRICHINOSIS.

BERLIN, November 20.—Fifty persons in Thorn, West Prussia, have been attacked by trichinosis.

COUNT VARTOSKI, RUSSIAN MINISTER OF WAR, HAD A LONG CONFERENCE TO-DAY WITH THE EMPEROR, WHO GAVE A DINNER.

ON THE EVE OF BATTLE.

PARIS, November 20.—The report that the Chinese had evacuated the territory of Bacment, is not confirmed and not believed. In all probability hostilities between France and China will break out within a few days.

COURTIER'S REINFORCEMENTS.

PARIS, November 20.—Admiral Courbet, commander of the French forces in Tonquin, telegraphs that the last body of troops sent from here has arrived. He does not ask for further re-inforcements.

EIGHTEEN DROWNED.

PARIS, November 20.—Eighteen workmen were drowned at Devernenez, department of Finisterre.

LOTTERY AGENTS CONVICTED.

CHICAGO, November 20.—H. H. Shapley and Fred Erby, James H. Cook and B. Frank Moore, who represented the "Little Havana," Henry College, Kentucky, and the Louisiana State lotteries as agents, were tried in the United States district court to-day under the charge of forbidding the sending of circulars or lottery tickets through the mails, and were found guilty. The sentence has not yet been pronounced. These are the first cases of the kind tried in this country.

KILLED BY A GAS EXPLOSION.

DENVER, November 20.—The Republican Col. Crook special says: This morning Isaac Jones and Phil Griffith started down the shaft of the Canfield coal mine for the purpose of making an examination. When down three hundred feet their lamps ignited the gas, causing a terrific explosion. Griffith was stunned and badly burned, but managed to escape. Later Jones was found at the bottom of the shaft dead. Jones is a brother of J. G. Jones, of Bacon, Iowa, principal owner of the mine.

Selling Diseased Meat.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., November 20.—The authorities discovered this morning that eleven heads of cattle sick or disabled had been slaughtered in the abattoir near the southern limits of the city and prepared for sale to city butchers. Four animals had been suffering from big jaw. Charles Hoene an employe has been arrested and the officers are now looking for George Byers, the proprietor.

Hoene was arrested this afternoon and is both men gave bonds for their appearance to-morrow. The health officers will endeavor to make a case against the retailer who has been purchasing of Byers if they can be discovered.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.

A Detroit, Mich., Murder Mystery.

The Long Island Tragedy Under Investigation.

The Neat Settling of a Burglar's Case—A Tax Swindle Exposed.

CRIMINAL RECORD.

THE MAYHEE MURDER. LOCUST VALLEY, L. I., November 20.—The soles of the shoes of James Doyle, arrested on suspicion of being the murderer of the Maybears, corresponded exactly with the casten taken of footprints around the Maybear barn.

As the examination of Doyle closed, the floor of the room, crowded with spectators, gave way and all, except reporters, officers, prisoner, and people were tumbled on mass into the cellar, which being full of barrels prevented serious casualties. The stove fell over adding to the confusion. There was great scrambling, many receiving slight injuries. The coroner resumed the examination at the Nassau house, but no new facts were elicited. The authorities are not satisfied that the criminal has been secured, and the search will be diligently prosecuted. The excitement is unabated.

Doyle was taken into the room where Garrett Maybear was sitting and told to say "me" and "I will kill you." He did so, and Mr. Maybear recognized the voice as that of the man who spoke to him on the day of the murder, and Doyle was taken to see the body of the woman, and said he had seen them before. He was taken to the barn and into the shed where the bodies were found. There he raised his hands, saying: "I swear I never was in this barn before." He was searched and seventy dollars was found on him. He said he had given fourteen dollars to a lawyer at New York, among Doyle's money is fifteen gold pieces. Maybear says he thinks a five dollar gold piece was among the money taken. Doyle's account of himself for a part of the day Saturday is verified but his whereabouts from 12 noon to 6:30 a. m. Saturday is not explained.

William Lamberan, a neighbor of the Maybears and a woman living with him as his wife, have been arrested on suspicion of being connected with the tragedy. A UNIQUE SCHEME. CINCINNATI, November 20.—The discovery has been made in the county auditor's office of a peculiar scheme to defraud tax payers. It is by increasing the assessed valuation of property of certain large taxpayers, mainly incorporated companies, and then offering for a commission to get the excessive taxes refunded. The discovery was made to-day among kept quiet and orders for remittances to the treasurer in all cases were found out. Two clerks of the late Auditor Capellan are suspected but no arrests have been made, but because of Capellan being out of office it is claimed the present auditor should cause the arrest. The auditor places the duty of arrest on Capellan. The scheme does not contemplate any robbery of the county.

DETROIT, Mich., November 20.—Byron M. Sibley, the day operator at the Michigan Central office in Marshall, was found dead in the streets of that town this morning, having evidently been murdered during the night. There was a bullet hole through his head. There is no possible suspicion as to the cause, as he was a great favorite, only there seems to have been some person who had a grudge against him, made an appointment to meet him and shot him. He was 22 years old.

The valuables on the body were untouched. Sibley said a few days ago that there was a man who suspected him of undue intimacy with his wife, and threatened to kill him. Nothing more is known of the matter.

A VERY GOOD SHOT.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., November 20.—The American special gives an account of a peculiar affair in New Providence, three miles from Clarksville, last night. Mr. Garrett, a large tobacco buyer, was awakened by a noise, saw a burglar at a window, rushed into the hall and got a gun, and returning shot and killed a man entering the window, when he was attacked by one inside and a desperate struggle for possession of the gun ensued. Finally Garrett and his partner were out, and he escaped. Mrs. Garrett ran a mile to the nearest neighbor and gave the alarm. The other man was found dead under the window.

WILLIAM PHELAN'S CAREER.

BOSTON, November 20.—Wm. C. Phelan, well-known in the West during the war, as a bounty jumper, and in Philadelphia and Washington as a forger and blackmailer, has been sentenced to five years imprisonment for passing counterfeit money. In Boston, Phelan established a bank depot, and the counterfeit notes from banks numbers of counterfeit notes for description. Phelan is believed to have collected and passed \$50,000 in counterfeit money. He fled to Montreal when detected.

THE INSANITY DODGE.

DALLAS, Tex., November 20.—Shanks, charged with murdering Weimer in a drunken dispute started by Weimer declaring himself an infidel, was tried to-day. The verdict was not guilty. Shanks' plea was insanity and self-defense.

KILLED BY TRAMPS.

CHICAGO, November 20.—Zach Brown, a brakeman on the Chicago and Alton road was stoned, knocked from a train and killed by two tramps whom he ejected from a car near a suburban station. Brighton to-night. The tramps escaped.

ESCAPE OF PRISONERS.

MESHALE, Mo., November 20.—The prisoners in the city jail set fire to it inside, the flames being discovered, the prisoners cried for help, and the door was broken in. Six prisoners escaped, only two of whom have been recaptured.

"There's Millions in It."

SAN FRANCISCO, November 20.—A suit involving twenty millions was commenced to-day by the widow and heirs of John Bowie Gray against the Quick-silver Mining company, of New Alameda, California. Gray, who was one of the three original proprietors of the mine,

died in New York in 1861. The action is based on fraudulent administration of the property by Robert J. Walker, formerly secretary and treasurer of the company and a partner in connection, and till lately chief representative of the company.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

THE FOOL CONTINUED. CHICAGO, November 20.—Representatives of roads, interested in freight business between Chicago and St. Louis met to-day and continued for one year from January 1st next at existing percentages the pool on freights which expires with the current year. It was agreed to submit to arbitration all differences arising during the life of the pool. The roads interested are the Alton, Illinois Central, Washash and Burlington.

THE FREEPORT AND MISSISSIPPI. CHICAGO, November 20.—The Inter Ocean's Freeport, Illinois special says: Articles of incorporation for the Freeport & Mississippi River railway company were filed to-day. The capital is fixed at \$3,000,000. It is to run from Freeport to Galena with a branch to Fulton on the Northern road. The incorporators are Northwestern officials, which road, it is understood, will be the constructors of the line. It is also understood that the pretention is to continue to Dubuque, thence southwest to the main line in Iowa. It is also reported that a branch will be run from Galena along the east bank of the Mississippi toward St. Paul.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC BONDS. NEW YORK, November 20.—At a Northern Pacific preferred stockholders' meeting this afternoon 342,428 shares voted in favor of the issue of \$20,000,000 second mortgage bonds and only 63 shares against it.

Northern Pacific officials here consider the action of the holders of preferred stock as settling beyond doubt any question of Villard's retaining the presidency of the Northern Pacific in his favor. All railroads except the Northern Pacific have time tables under the new time scheme, to take effect next Sunday.

LEAVING THEM ALL.

CHICAGO, November 20.—The Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has issued official notice to the Northwestern, Burlington and Rock Island roads of its intention to withdraw from the agreement respecting Des Moines business. The joint business from and to Des Moines is not large in itself, but the present move is taken as an indication of the St. Paul's intention to withdraw from all close relations with its competing lines.

A DENIAL MADE.

CHICAGO, November 20.—The Associated Press has the statement of a high official of the Milwaukee & St. Paul railway that the Northwestern, Burlington and Rock Island roads of its intention to withdraw from the agreement respecting Des Moines business. The joint business from and to Des Moines is not large in itself, but the present move is taken as an indication of the St. Paul's intention to withdraw from all close relations with its competing lines.

A GIGANTIC MARRIAGE.

PITTSBURGH, November 20.—Patrick William O'Brien, the Irish giant, and Christine D. Donz, the German giantess, were married in this city to-day. The ceremony was performed in the German Evangelical church, on Smithfield street, by Rev. Frederick Ruffin, and was witnessed by a great concourse of people, including Mayor Lyon and the council of Pittsburgh, Mayor Patterson, of Allegheny, Judge White, John McCullough, Margaret Mather, the Astor dwarfs, Indians and snake charmer. Outside the church the crowd gathered in such numbers as to obstruct traffic in spite of the efforts of a large force of police. Mr. O'Brien wore a full dress suit, and the medal presented to him by the Land League ornamented his breast. The bride wore an orange blossom wreath and veil that covered her superb dress of white satin. In her hand she held a bouquet of enormous size. The wedding cake is nine feet in circumference and three feet thick. The combined height of the bridal pair is fifteen feet three inches and they tip the beam at five hundred and forty-nine pounds. The wedding ring weighed seventeen pennyweights and was five inches in circumference.

Business Troubles.

CHICAGO, November 20.—The latest estimate on the condition of the wholesale dry goods firm of Cleveland, Cummings & Woodruff, who recently transferred their business to Columbus, puts the assets at \$400,000, and the liabilities at \$600,000. An expert from New York, who made an examination of the assets, reports that they will pay 50 cents on the dollar. It is understood that two of the heaviest New York creditors have settled claims aggregating \$185,000 on that basis, and that other creditors are inclined to compromise at the same rate. It is reported that one city bank has a claim of \$10,000.

GALVESTON, November 20.—The News-Herald special says: E. Dawson, one of the largest stock men in Clay county, assigned all his property to W. R. Curtis to-day. Assets, \$425,000; liabilities, \$287,000. Cause not known.

A Man Who Knew O'Donnell.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., November 20.—The Post-Express publishes a letter from a man who says he knew O'Donnell, soon to be tried in Dublin for the murder of Carey. He says O'Donnell was one of the chiefs of the Molly Maguires of Pennsylvania, and in conjunction with Dan Kelly, Jim Carroll and Red Shirt. The three confederates were hanged. O'Donnell, who formerly called himself Thomas Moran, is the only one left.

Sixty-five Rounds Fought.

THRENTON, N. J., November 20.—A prize fight was fought early this morning in Bucks county, Pa., by James Golden, of Philadelphia, and Patrick Scullion, of this city. Sixty-five rounds were fought and the men badly punished. In the sixty-fifth round Scullion, getting rather worn by the punishment, claimed a foul, which was granted, and was declared the winner. About 300 persons witnessed the battle, which occupied about two hours.

A New Marshal.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., November 20.—Hon. John Tanner received telegraphic notice this evening of his appointment as United States marshal. He will retain all of ex-marshal Wheeler's appointees.

KEIFER KICKED.

Mr. Phelps Asks Him to Keep Out This Time.

The Republican Programme to be Changed.

The Welfare of the Party and Future Success under Consideration.

WHAT WILL KEIFER DO?

Mr. Phelps Asks Him to Retire from the Speakership Fight.

NEW YORK, November 20.—The Hackensack (N. J.) Republican will contain tomorrow an interview with William Walter Phelps, member elect of the next congress, in which he gives expression to the general wish among republican members of the next house that ex-Speaker Keifer should refuse to be a candidate for the empty honor of a renomination. It seems that Phelps has written Keifer at the suggestion of members in different parts of the country, some of whom have served before, and others who enter congress for the first time. They believe their party will be strengthened by taking a new departure and that the house of representatives is the best place to begin the movement in the selection of new names for all positions. It is said that the reason why Phelps was selected to carry on this correspondence was because he was not personally acquainted with the ex-speaker and being a New Jersey republican he has not been involved in any of the factional quarrels of the party. He is therefore acceptable both to the stalwarts and half-breeds. In this interview Phelps expresses the opinion that the ex-speaker having the welfare of the republican party at heart, will not fail to recognize that its future success depends upon united action, which can only be obtained by mutual, full and friendly concessions and the avoidance of any action that will tend to keep up the disagreements of the past two or three years. Phelps, in the name of the party and the country, has appealed to Keifer to announce to his friends that he will not accept a renomination by the sergeant-at-arms and the officers of the last house. Keifer's reply is not yet at hand.

OBITUARY.

General Augustus C. Dodge.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, November 20.—General Augustus C. Dodge, formerly United States senator, and minister to Spain for eight years, died at his residence in this city at 4 o'clock this afternoon, of bladder and kidney affection, after an illness of four days, in the 72nd year of his age. General Dodge was prominently identified with the early history of Wisconsin territory and the state of Iowa. He was a man noted for his generous impulses and urbanity, and was talented and able. He was a delegate to congress from 1841 to 1847, presidential elector for the state of Iowa in 1848, senator in congress from 1848 to 1855, after which he resided from President Pierce the appointment of minister to Spain, which he afterwards resigned. He was a delegate to the Chicago convention of 1864, and also to the Philadelphia National convention of 1866. From 1838 to 1841 he held the office of register of the land office at Burlington. General Dodge was widely known throughout Iowa and adjoining states.

THE FIRE RECORD.

OTTAWA, Kas., November 20.—The shops of the Kansas Southern railway, embracing machine, blacksmith, carpenter and paint shops, together with two locomotives and two coaches, were burned this morning. Loss \$75,000 to \$100,000, insurance \$40,000.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., November 20.—A fire broke out to-night in the charcoal house of the Havenmeyer Sugar Refining company, which is building five stories high. The main building was saved. Total loss, \$75,000. One hundred and fifty men were employed in the works.

FLESHING, L. I., November 20.—The old Charlick mansion, owned by Dr. Reynolds, was burned to-night. Loss, \$40,000.

The Fat Cattle Show.

CHICAGO, November 20.—There was a larger attendance to-day at the fat stock show than on any previous day, not including children's day, last Saturday. The chief attraction was the butchering of some of the finest fat steers. Twenty-one head were brought into the ring, the first one being "Starlight," a grade shorthorn, the property of J. H. Potts & Son, Jacksonville, Ill. The carcass looked very well when hung up. The second steer was the thoroughbred Hereford, "Longer Monarch," the property of M. H. Cochrane, of Compton, Canada. The third animal was "Excelsior," another Hereford, the property of A. A. Crane & Sons of Illinois. The fifth steer was the best Hereford prize winner, of C. M. Gilbertson, "Roan Boy." He shows up well on the rack. Beside him hangs the Waterville "Jack," a polled Angus, the property of M. H. Cochrane. All the carcasses are fine meat and never before has so much prize meat been hung up on a single rack. The Breeders' Gazette's gold medal for the best animal in the show was awarded to "Roan Boy," a Hereford steer. The committee were Dan of Peoria, Herman of Belleville, Ill., and Durby of Gibson, Ill. The Schuttler wagon prize for the butchers' sweepstakes for three-year-olds was won by "Black Prince" a fine polled Angus steer.

The Lake Disasters.

MILWAUKEE, November 20.—The Sentinel to-morrow publishes a statement of the loss of life and property in the gales from November 11 to 17, showing the loss of 55 lives and 60 vessels. Only 11 of the latter representing about 6,000 tons and a value of over \$300,000 have been released. Twenty-six, representing 4,000 tons and a value of \$400,000, are a total loss.

A Memorial Matter.

FR. SCOTT, Kas., November 20.—In pursuance of the resolution adopted by the last annual meeting of the Grand

Army of the Republic of Kansas, Captain W. Shockey, chairman of the committee appointed for the purpose, has sent circulars to all posts of the G. A. R. in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Indian Territory, asking signatures of all comrades to a memorial to congress praying for the establishment of a soldiers' and sailors' home in Kansas. Speedy action is asked so that the memorial may be presented to congress early the coming session.

The Pittsburg Iron Mills.

PITTSBURGH, November 20.—It is reported this evening that in a few days work will be resumed in the billet department of the Pittsburg Bessemer steel mill at Homestead. The manufacturers of crucible steel report a fair demand. All mills of that class are in operation. The Keystone iron mills shut down to-day. The stoppage is said to be principally for repairs.

Sixteen Injured.

TORONTO, November 20.—A train on the St. Martin & Uppham railway jumped the track near Hampton and three cars rolled over the embankment into the ditch. There were sixteen passengers aboard, who were more or less injured, some fatally.

Off For California.

KANSAS CITY, November 20.—A special train of eight cars left here to-night via the Santa Fe, bearing 180 excursionists from Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa and other states, bound for Southern California.

The Washburn Will.

MADISON, Wis., November 20.—The supreme court sustains the Washburn will. This cuts off the widow, except that the executors are authorized to set aside a sum for her support.

"Dew Drop" Up.

CHICAGO, November 20.—The Daily News-Daville, Ind., special says that early yesterday morning unknown parties inserted dynamite cartridges under the "Dew Drop" saloon. The explosion blew the building to pieces and shook the entire town.

Symptoms More Favorable.

GARDNER, Ill., November 20.—A family of 10 persons, named Bush, 7 miles south of here, were attacked by trichinosis two weeks ago. The symptoms are growing more favorable, but the issue is still in doubt.

Another Consolidation.

NEW YORK, November 20.—The Postal telegraph company in consideration of \$10,498,500 of full paid stock has transferred all its lines, franchises, etc., to the Postal cable company.

Weston's Walk.

LONDON, November 20.—Weston has undertaken the walk of 50 miles a day for 100 days, delivering temperance lectures on the route.

THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

The Improvements That Have Been Made—Alarms Must be Telephoned for a Day or Two.

Chief Engineer Butler, of the fire department, has been engaged for several weeks in superintending the general improvement of the fire alarm system, and the work is nearly completed. When finished, which will be in two or three days, the system will be in splendid shape, and will cover much more territory than heretofore. The apparatus throughout has been greatly improved. Sixteen new boxes have been added, making the total number of boxes 33, and this is hardly enough. Mr. Butler intends to put in three or four more at an early day. The boxes are not interfering so that when one is pulled for an alarm it does not strike the others, but goes directly in. Over eighteen miles of wire has been put up, and the cost of the entire improvement is \$4,000. At present the fire alarm system is disconnected as the connections with the next day or two alarms will have to be sent in by telephone. Mr. E. B. Chandler, a well-known Chicago electrician, arrived in the city on Monday, to connect the four circuit repeaters, and put the entire system in good working order.

Attention, G. A. R.

WHEREAS, The press in the past has charged that the Grand Army of the Republic is a political institution, organized to put designing and mercenary politicians in positions of trust, and

WHEREAS, It is well known by every member of the order that the charges are totally unjust, the order being founded wholly upon the principles of "fraternity, charity and loyalty," and

WHEREAS, It is and has been the aim of this order to live down the misapprehension of the public, by eschewing everything of a political nature, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of George A. Custer, Post No. 7, department of Nebraska, G. A. R., in council assembled, that the action taken by the Hastings reinstatement of Paul Vandervoort was purely of a political nature, and is severally censured by the members of this post.

Resolved, That we call upon every true and loyal member of the order, whose sentiments are in accord with these resolutions, to proclaim them to the world, and place the order on its sure foundation, where it cannot be undermined by scheming, designing, and selfish politicians whose only aim is self-aggrandiz