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## Russell Sage Has a Narrow Escape from an Awful Death. DIABOLICAL DEED OF A DESPERATE MAN. Demards of a Ciask for Money Followal by Terrible Explosion.

SIVERAL PEOPLE BLOWN INTO ETERNITY.

DANGERS OF WEALTH.

Members of Human Bodies and Frayments of Flesh Scatter d Broadcast,

TERRIBLE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION -

Death of the Man Who Threw the Dynamite-Experiences of People in the Office-Statement from Mr. Sage.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 .- Russell Sage, the millionaire broker, escaped death by a miracle today, his office and the entire Empire building, in which it was, being shaken to its very foundation by the explosion of a dynamite bomb, hurled by a crank who made a demand upon Mr. Sage for the immediate payment of \$1,250,000, the ultimatum being in case of refusal the death of the millionnire, the crank and those employed in the office.

Never in the history of the metropolis is it probable that an event has occurred that for the time caused more excitement on Wall street and lower Broadway. Fully 500,000 people were drawn to the scene of the explosion, and for an hour the police were powerless to bring order out of chaos.

The offices of Russell Sage were on the second floor of the building numbered CO, 71 and 73 Broadway, situated on the southwest corner of Rector street, overlooking the Trinity curchyard, and a stone's throw from Wall street.

It was just twenty-two minutes past 12 o'clock when the explosion came, with a force that was absolutely startling, completely wrecking the second floor of the building, throwing pedestrians on the street to the ground and startling people for blocks around. Those who were close at hand saw a man blown through one of the windows of Sage's

office into Rector street. A few minutes later Mr. Sage himself, with blood streaming from his face and hands, was beiped out into the street and taken to O'Connell's drug store, just below Wall street on Broadway. There also was carried the man blown from the window.

#### Statement of Mr. Sage.

Within ten minutes after the explosion Dr. A. P. Munn, the physician of Jay Gould, was at the side of Mr. Sage and personally at tended to his injuries, which proved to be not of a serious nature. The hair and cycbrows of the millionaire were burnt and his face and hands cut by small particles of glass and plaster, the result of the explosion. Mr. Sage,

among the debris a leg which was thought to be that of a woman. Whether it is or not has not been discovered. Sage never em-ployed a woman typewriter and as this fact is well established, the supposition is that if the leg is that of a woman it is all that is left of one of his "put and call" customers who was in the office at the time. Mr. Charges James a railroad man and a Was in the office at the time. Mr. Charles James, a railroad man and a resident of Chattanooga, Team, had an ap-mointment with Mr. Sage at 13 o'clock and had an experience that he will not soon for-get. He says: "I called at Mr. Sage's of-fice at 13 o'clock and found nim out. A seat was offered me in the main office near the desk. I took it and waited Mr. Sage's re-turn. Sitting on a bench near the wall I noticed a man perhaps five feet eight inches in height. Ho wore a plug hat and had a noticed a man perhaps five feet eight inclues in height. He wore a plug hat and had a pointed beard and heavy brown mustache. At about 12:15 Mr. Sage game in and greet-ing me asked me into his private office. Mr. Sage had just removed his nat and asked me to be seated when one of his clerks entered and said something to him that I did not heav "Turning to me be said : 'Excuse me for a "Turning to make said." Excuse the lot a few moments' and passed through the door into the main office. The door closed behind him and I pushed my chair over to the wall and sat facing the door through which Mr. Sage had gone. When the Explosion Came. "It might have been two or three minutes

when the explosion came. I was blown up nearly to the ceiling, and the chair on which I sat was smashed into pieces. I came down all in a heap. Dust and small particles of plaster and smoke filled the room. I was completely dazed and did not know what to do. I remember making my way through the passage way which the explosion had blown into the main office. There I met Mr. Sage, with blood tricking down his face and

hands, his clothing torn and covered with dirt and dust. When he saw me he said: "How shall we get out?" "'Wait,' I replied, 'until this dust settles. I think we will be all right, as the worst must be over.' Then I recovered my senses and taking him by the arm led him down the stairway into the street," Among the debris in the wrecked office was

found the remains of a silk hat, evidently worn by the man who gave his name as Wil-son, and in one corner of Mr. Sage's private office where Mr. James was sitting alone at the time of the explosion a man's hand. Mr. Washington E. Connor was in his ofice on the Broadway front of the building and on the same floor with Mr. Sage when the explosion came. Mr. Connor was out of the building among the first and assisted Mr. Sage to the drug store. Within half an hour afterwards he had opened a new office just across the Broadway and was transacting

business all day. As Mr. Sage was being led through the lower hall of the building into the street be said: "It is a dynamite explosion and they meant it for us this time."

#### Blown Into Many Pieces.

The coroner made an examination of the mangled remains of the man found in Sage's office and from the mangled mass of flesh and clothing took a seven-chamber buildog revolver. This was all that could be found and clothing by which an identification could be made. What was left of the mad-man's body, at least it was so la-belled and accepted by police and coroner, was laid out in Undertaker Duff's office at S1 Greenwich street. It was no much. The head was there blackened but not badly disfigured. It was cut off at the op of the neck and looked for all the world like the mask of a man 35 or 40 years old with a full beard that might have been long, but was now burned close to the chin and cheek. Then there was a leg-the right, the left foot, one hand and that was all. The body proper was gone; of neither chest nor abdomen was a trace found. The leg that was there was broken and twisted. Such shreds of clothing as were found showed the man had wern treusers of a blue-black plaid

at Chamberlain's tonight. with a black overcoat and long black stock-ings. That might have started the story that a woman's leg was found. He had been

the next convention.

JOE HOLMAN'S GREAT HEAD. Missouri delegation, probably Dockery.

Democratic Candidates f r the Speak-

friends have at last given out figures upon

they are more nearly in accord than any which

estimates, and upon the confession of

candidates themselves, one fact is evident

Tective missionary work of Senator Palmer

last night has so strengthened and encour-aged the forces of Mr. Springer that the withdrawal of the Iflinois man is now in-

withdrawal of the Ifinois man is now in-deed a remote possibility, as all the efforts have been directed in the attempt to effect the disintegration of Mr. Spriager's phalanx and these efforts have now proven futile. It is generally accepted that the two minor candidates, Messrs. Mc-Millin and Haten, will also remain in the fight to the finish. Indeed, so far as is known no series attempt has been made to

Irony of Politics.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4 .- The hotels of the capital are througed with members of

congress today, and the speakership contest has reached fever heat. Rumors are no longer a commodity in the political mart, and facts and figures are now demanded before any prediction receives credence. Yielding the Work of Rescue. to popular inquiry, all the candidates or their

which they base their hopes of success, and St. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 4 .- At 1:45 this tnese figures have been supplemented by the afternoon a force of men were engaged in names of their respective supporters. The clearing away the debris of the burned buildestimates show material discrepancies, but ings formerly occupied by Farwell, Ozman & Co. and Griggs, Cooper & Co. when one of have preceded them. Upon the face of these the walls fell with a terrific crash, killing eight men instantly and injuring many others, some of them seriously.

that no nomination is possible on the first ballot if all the aspirants remain in the field. men beneath the wail at the time it fell and That this will be the case, and that five canthe majority of them were killed or received didates will enter the caucus, there is no longinjuries which will probably prove fatal. er good cause to doubt. The arrival and

once summoned and the police attempted to organize the laborers who were not under the wall and get them to work removing the dead and injured.

ever, and it was a long time before more than half a dozen could be induced to go to work. In less than half an hour the men had taken out twelve of their companions, seven dead and five injured, one fatally,

and the dead, with the exception of one man, laid out in the Great Northern freight house.

cavations, however, about its base had caused it to tumble. Most of those taken from the runs were badly crushed and bruised; others were not so badly mangled, but had evidently been killed by bricks falling on their heads.

only two will recover. There were no groans or cries from the in jured as the poor fellows were extricated from the rains by their fellow workmen. Not one had regained consciousness. The most careful handling possible seemed to be torture most horrible, for the rescuers were not well drilled to their task at the outset and did not work together as they did later on. In their disconcerted efforts they seemed at times to be pulling the men almost to almost as if they had been dead themselves. The majority of the men were under the south part of the wall, and here the heaviest part of the wall fell. Only two were taken

first callot. It must be equally apparent to them now, since they have failed to win over my friends, that the only complication which EDWARD S. WILCON, contractor, HANS HANSON, Swole laborer, CHARLES KATRINSKI, Pole laborer, GEORGE SHAPINSKI, laborer, CHARLES LARSON, JOHN ADAMSKI, 35 years of age, FRANK MARCIA, JOHN KOLES, The between exception can defeat Mr. Crisp is for Mills and his friends to come over to me. With their assistance I can defeat Mr. Crisp, but that is the only winning card Mr. Mills can now play. The most unfortunate thing that could happen to Mr. Mills would be my withdrawal for if the field were left to Messra. Crisp and Mills today, the Georgia candidate would be The injured are: Joun WARREN, THOMAS SOMATRA. FRANK D. LETHER. Mills boday, the Georgie candidate would be overwhelmingly nominated." At Mr. Mills' neadquarters it was denied that Mr. Springer could go into the caucus with more votes than Mr. Mills, "As to figures," said Mr. Mills, "I have none to give, but I am still en uraged by the out-SAMUEL PETERS. UNKNOWN.

and at 5:30 were alive. It is not thought that Somatra, Peters and the unknown can recover. Workmen spent all the afternoon search-

ing for more victims of o disaster

FOUR TRAINS IN ONE HEAP, a court martial for the trial of Major C. B. Throckmorton, Second artiller, amended to direct the court to conver Wednesday, December 9, 159, or as thereafter as practicable and the suspen of the operation of said order made in V department order of November 23, 1891 is withdrawn

East Thompson, Conn., the Scene of a Most Singular Collision.

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withdrawn.

Much Speculation Concerning the CARS CONSUMED BY THE FLAMES. Officers of the Fifty-Second Cougress.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, ) Three Men Lose Their Lives and a 513 FOURTEENTI STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., DOC. 4. Number Are Badly Wounded-There will be very little accomplished by Thrilling Experience of congress next week. In fact little will be done until after the holidays. Both houses will convene on Monday at noon. After the

new representatives and senators are sworn, a joint committee will notify the president that the Fifty-second congress is in session. In the house there will be the formal election of a democratic speaker, clerk, sergeantat-arms and doorkeeper. The republicans will give ex-Speaker Reed and probably the other officers who served in the last congress and who still hold the reins and draw the salaries, their complimentary vote. There will be no mistake about the endorsement of Mr. Reed's administration of affairs of the

last house. No other name has been so much as whispered for the complimentary vote. The members of the house will draw their The republicans and democratic senators will hold separate caucuses on Monday or Monday night and appoint caucus committees which will agree upon a rearrangement of standing committees of the senate. Quite a number of prominent senators have retired o private life since March 4 last, and several churmanships and minor positions on prom-inent committees are vacant. It will require a great deal of conference to determine who shall fill these vacancies. The democrats will have a much easier task to fix a slate for minority representation on the commit-tees. It is not probable that the caucus com-

mittees will report their work under a week, when the new arrangement of the committees will be ratified. Will be ratified. The president's message will be read in the two houses on Tuesday afternoon. It is expected that on that day the president will send to the senate a large lot of recess noninitions and possibly some new ones. About Wednesday it is expected that some impor-tant new nominations will go to the senate, robably a secretary of war, two members of the interstate commission and some, if not all of the circuit and district judges, a nember of the court of claims and possibly some diplomatic nominations, there being vacancies in the Chinese and Japan missions.

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waiting orders.

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row afternoon.

Beatrice's fundie Building

versed the decision below in the land contest of Benjamin P. Bowman vs Wayland S. Davis

of South Dakota and granted a rehearing. E. D. Evans of Omaha is at the Riegs, and

Senator Saunders of Montana is at the Ar-

Miss Nellie Crounse, daughter of Mr. Amos

track, bounded in the air and fell over on its The bond of Samuel C. Smith, cashier of he First National bank of Beatrice, as disside. All the cars of the train remained on the track. The engineer, Harry Tabor, had bursing officer for the Beatrice public build-ing, was approved today and funds to pay for the excavation, which is understood to be evidently seen the wreck, but too late. He had reversed his lever, but that was his last ow progressing rapidly, will be immediately act, for his headless body was found beside the runs of his engine, and that of his fire-man, Je rry Fitzgerald, lay near by. Assistant Secretary Chandler today re-

the overdue Long Island express.

The boat train ordinarily gets ahead of the express, being due at Boston ten minutes earlier. On account of both trains being late, however, and as the express goes through without a stop, the boat train "was held at Putnam several minutes and then permitted to go by. There was no delay after the ex-press had gone.

When the express struck the 'wreck some one of the train hands snatched a flag and ran up the track. The engineer of the poat train did not see the man until within 100 feet of the wreck. Quick as thought he reversed his engine, put on the air brakes and with the fireman, jumped for his life. The engine of the boat train went quarter way through the Pullman, while the tender telescoped the baggage car behind.

There were but few passengers on either train, twelve on the express and about twenty-five on the boat train. All of these

J. J. Richardson of Davenport, Ia., is at the Arlington. General J. C. Cowin and J. H. Millard and escaped except one. The Pullman "Midland" was the last car

The irony of polities was never better lustrated than in the claims of the friends of Mr. Springer this morning, that Mr. Mills will be forced to retire before tomorrow alteration, and that the Illinois candidate will absorb the greater portion of his follow ing. The friends of Mr. Mills treat this prediction lightly and characterize it as a clerer retaliation by the Illinois candidate for the attempt of the Texas man to break into his fold, but Mr. Springer maintains that they will not treat matters humorously after the developments of the next twenty-Mills Has the Luck. four hours. "I will enter the caucus with fifty-seven votes," said Mr. Springer this morning, "and it must be apparent to Mr. Mills and his friends by this time that I will lead in the

gian, while Stewart of Texas, whose absence was expected on account of severe illness, surprised Mr. Mills by appearing at his

at least eight of them were for Mills.

Indiana's Famous Objector Pledges His Support to Roger Q. Mills.

## HORIZONTAL BILL'S CHANCE IS GOOD.

Crisp of Georgia Has a Cinch and

## Hatch of Missouri Knows He Is Elected-Other Offices.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4 -| Special Telegram to THE BEE 1-The most striking and significant incident of tonight was furnished by Judge Holman of Indiana, who will be chairman of the caucus and who has often himself been mentioned as a possible candidate for speaker. Mr. Holman walked into the Mills headquarters tonight and grasping

Mr. Mills' hand said : "I have come to pleage you my vote for the speakership, and to say, if I can bring it about, my colleagues from Indiana will vote fer you also." There was at once a general jubilation in

the room and a score of hands were outstretched toward Holman.

This incident was quickly perverted into a statement that flew the rounds of the lobpies, that Mr. Holman had positively turned over all the eleven Indiana votes to Mills. The fact is, as stated by Mr. Bynum tonight, that seven of the Indiana democrats are for Mills and the other four for Springer. Of these, three prefer Mills as second choice. Another important development in favor of Mills tonight is the arrival of Don M. Dick-

inson, who is working with Vilas to influence the democrats of the northwest in favor of the free trader. Dickinson openly deciares that he will secure seven of the eight democrats from Michigan for

Millis, one of them, Chapman, being irrevocably pledged to McMillin. The arrival of Mr. Dickinson completes the formidable list of Cleveland workers for Mills.

The Mills men have also broken into Crisp's southern forces. Terry of Arkansas, who has been credited to Crisp, has gone to Springer, which is merely a cover for an ultimate Mills vote. Boatner of Louisiana, another alleged Crisp

follower, has come out for McMillin, which also means a vote for Mills when accesed. Hooker of Mississippi, Cobb of Alabama

and Brawley of South Carolina, all of whon have been claimed for Crisp, have openly declared for Mills tonight.

Buchanan of Virginia telegraphed Mr. Crisp that he is too ill to attend the cancus which means another vote lost to the Geor

headquarters today. All these circumstances have combined to place Mitls directly in the lead tonight.

The Illinois delegation continued to hold ourly meetings, at which Mr. Springer and

Senator Palmer frantically preed them to stand firm. The Illinois congressmen there-upon periodically protested their undying devotion to Springer, only to be called again within a few moments indignantly to repel the reports, which everybody believes, that

The New York delegation held a meeting The only absentees were Warner, who is ill, and Stahl-necker. The speakership was not discussed, and no poll was taken on that question. The

night seem best on the other minor offices

furner of New York; postmaster, Dalton of

look. I have yet seen nothing to discourage

Millin by Washington of Tennessee or Covert of Long Island, Springer by New-berry of Illinois and Hatch by one of the WITHOUT A SECOND'S NOTICE St. Paul Workmen Buried Beneath the ALL ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT.

ership Claiming Everything.

# EIGHT KILLED AND MANY WOUNDED.

#### Crazed with Excitement and Fear the Workmen Who Escaped with Difficulty Are Induced to Commence

Tebris of a Fallen Wall.

There was supposed to have been fifteen Ail the patrol wagons in the city were at

#### Wild with Excitement.

The men were wild with excitament, how-

known, no serious attempt has been made to stampede the followers of Mr. McMillin, as Contractor Wilcox was taken out dead and mangled beyond recognition. The wounded were taken to the city hospital the claims of the other candidates render it very uncertain as to whether Mr. Muls or Mr. Crisp would be the gainer by the with-

drawal of the Tennessee candidate. A strong attempt has been and is still being made to persuade Mr. Hatch of Missouri to The wall appeared firm, and gave no sizns of weakening up to the time of its fall. Exwithdraw, but that gontleman quite tena-ciously, and even indignantly, insists that he will be a hopeful candidate long after some of his prouder competitors have retired in humiliation from the contest.

Of those wounded and taken to hospital

out from the north side. List of the Dead and Wounded. EDWARD S. WILCON, contractor.

Crounse of the Treasury department, who has been spending a few days with Miss Kitty Street, daughter of Captain Street of Capitol Hill, has returned to her home in Capitol H.il, has returned to her home in Herndon, Va. J. D. Cressy, who has been at his home at Huron, S. D., for some weeks, has returned to Washington for the session. Colonel John L. Joiley of South Dakota, who succeeds the late Representative Gam-ble, has arrived and is stopping at 58 B These are now lying at the city hospital,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 4 .- A most extraordinary accident occurred at East Thompson, Coan., a station on the New York & New England main line just before 7

of the Pullman cars.

west-bound tracks.

o'clock this morning. Four trains, two freights and two passengers, were piled up in indescribable confusion within less than five minutes and three lives lost, while several persons were seriously injured, one of whom may die. The passenger trains were the Norwich

Boat train and Long Island & Eastern States

express. The freight trains were the local

Southbridge and the through east-bound

Boston. Both the engineer and fireman of

the Long Island express were killed, the

engineer being decapitated. The other

fatality was that of an unknown passenger

on the train, who was burned to death in one

At East Thompson the local Southbridge

freight made up as usual just before 7 o'clock

this morning and had come to a standstill on

the west-bound track when there was a

shrick from a locomotive, and in another in-

stant there was a crash, and two engines

were mixed together, while a long pile of

freight cars blocked both the east-bound and

It was a special freight, east-bound for

for Boston, on the west-bound track that had

struck the local freight. The damage thus

far done was comparatively slight, but the

men had scarcely reached their feet when

there was another locomotive whistle, and in

an instant another crash. This time it was

Plunged Into the Wreck.

The engine struck the wreckage on the

the Passengers.

though suffering from the shock, made the following statement while his wounds were being dressed:

"A man, who gave his name as H, D, Wilson, came to my office just now. I had never seen him before. He had a carpet bag in his hand and said: 'If you will not give me \$1,250,000 I will blow you all to pieces.' I know nothing further except hearing a great explosion, falling on the floor and regained consciousness here. The man lying on the floor of this drug store is, I believe, the same one who asked me for money."

When Mr. Sage's wounds were dressed he was taken in a cab to his home.

Outside on the street everything was confusion, men lost their heads, and rumors of the wildest kind filled the air. Twenty were said to have been killed and injured and from the building firemen led or carried the dead and injured. Ambulances were summoned from three hospitals, and soon the streets around were solidly filled with a struggling mass of persons, all eager to get to the scene of the disaster.

When the police arrived in force the building was quickly cleared of all persons and a search made in the wrocked office.

#### Horrible Sights.

Just inside of the door of the general office was found the trunk of a man in a state that rendered recognition impossible, the head having been severed from the body. A pointed, reddish beard gave the appearance of an educated man, which was enhanced by the brown curls of the hair and the heavy mustache that adorned the upper lip of the dead one. When the body was taken up it dead one. When the body was taken up it was found to have been torn in shreds by the explosion.

'he interior of the offices plainly showed that the force of the explosion was something terrific. All the partition walls were blown down and the sashs and window frames forced outward. The ceiling had been blown down and the floor was forced downward rendering it unsafe to walk upon. Deskand chairs were overturned and hurled inty as indescribable mass, and every pices of glass in the big air shaft that ran to the roof was shivered into thousands of particles. A search quickly showed that the body of the man with the pointed beard was the only one among the debris.

In the meantime the crowds in the street grew larger, the elevated trains from uptown bringing thousands to the scene, all impelled by curiosity. For an honr confusion reigned. Then the police found their heads and something like a correct list of the killed and injured was had.

#### Victims of the Explosion.

But one person had been killed outright, the man with the pointed beard. He is sup-posed to be H. D. Wilson, the man who made the demand for money from Mr. Sage and the one who threw the bomb.

Benjamin F. Morton, who was blown through the window, a clerk in the office of Mr. Sage, was removed to the Chambers street hospital, where he died at 1 p. m. while under an operation for fracture of the skull. The deceased was a resident of Far Rockaway, L. I.

The following injured were taken to the hospital:

FRANK ROBERTSON, 20 years old, living at Bergen Point, and employed as a clerk for Imbre & Co., brokers. He was in Sage's office at the time of the explosion. His skull was fractured and he will probably die. CHARLES W. OSBORNE, Russell Sage's cashier, of 196 Borkley place, Brooklyn, frac-

 State, of the hereby place, Broostyp, trac-tured skull; will probably dia.
SAMUEL J. CALHOUN, clerk, of 165 Deane street, Brooklyn, lacerated wounds on head.
WUJJAM R. LAUDOW, who was in the building at the time, received a fracture of the leg. He was taken to St. Vincent's heading. hospital.

COLONEL J. J. SLOCUM, a brother-in-law of Mr. Sage, and chief clerk, was badly cut

about the head and face. When Colonel Slocum's wounds were dressed he returned to the scene declaring he had left the door of the safe open and was fearful that the securities in thad been blown out and lost. Quickly gathering together what he found he placed them in a small safe and had it removed to the office of the Manhattan Railroad company in the same building

#### Fragments of a Human Body.

Late in the afternoon the firemen found | year ago for threatening to kill some one.

careful to rid himself of everything that might disclose his identity. His name had been written in the corner of his black hat, but he had cut it out with a knife. There was a hole in the lining where it had been. Crowds came and went, looking at the face but no one knew it. When darkness fell, the undertaker, tired of the sight, threw a cioth over it and shut his door Russell Sage made the following statement to Inspector Byrnes this evening:

#### Sage and the Madman.

put the glittering object in his pocket.

alone and had a square satchel."

man had a bign silk hat, light brown side-whiskers, was about 38 years old, wore a black overcoat and was well dressed. He was

Story of the Plot. The story of the plot on Mr. Sage's life goes far back. Russell Sage, jr., taked freely about it. He said that of late Mr. Sage had received three or four threatening

letters signed by one James Walsh. In one of them the writer demanded \$1,200,000. Why that sum, Mr. Sage could not say. The recent troubles between Prosident Andrews of the New York Steam Heating company and the Standard Gas Light company now

and the Standard thas thight company how come to play in the case. A large part of the stock in dispute belonged to the widows of Spinola & Manheim. These wowen, Walsh said in his letters, he was about to marry. He therefore demanded money to put him on their financial level. Mr. Sage paid no at-tention to him. Mr. Jay Gould was able at

tention to him. Mr. Jay Gould was also at tacked in the letters, and denounced in

abusive terms. The writer threatened Mr

Sage's life, but no attention was paid to it all who knew about the letters believing him

to be a harmless crank. To quote Russell Sage, it is own words: "The result is known and Mr. Sage has been made an object of the

History of the Dynamite Thrower.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 4 .- The dynamite crank is thought to be Hiram Wilson, aged

crank is thought to be Hiram Wilson, aged 45, an escaped lunatic and a native of Glens Fails, Warren county. Wilson had escaped previously from Middleton and Utica asylmus. He was very strong and of light complexion. The worst signs of insanity were developed fourteen years ago when he kept the Bolton house on Lake George. Then the led horses into the hotel and mounting a table deivered an address to them. He was

table delivered an address to them. He was

of late years taiking of making horses go faster than any have ever gone, and of patent

rights, and at one time took the shoes off a horse's hoofs and put them on his own feet and led the horse over some of the most

Wilson, after short terms in insane asyiums, has been discharged as cured or escaped. Ho

has generally celebrated his freedom by making attempts to kill some one who re-fused to meet his domaids for money. Sev-

eral years ago he attempted to kill a man whom he had asked for money to set him up in business. On an occasion when W, J,

Arkell was in Albany, Wilson made a de-mand on him. When he refused his domand Wilson threatened to kill him and eyen at-

tempted to assault him in his office. He has also threatened the life of Goodwin Brown,

one of the state lunacy commissioners. It was the loss of money which made him crazy. Wilson was arrested here about a

mountainous country of the Adirondacks

dynamite fiend."

Indiana, "I came out of my office, having been sent for. I found there was a man with a satenel. Enthusiastic Mills men now claim that he will have 126 votes on the second ballot. He handed me a card bearing the name of H D. Wilson. He said he came from John D Rockefeiler and at the same time handed me TAKE YOUR CHOICE. a typewritten letter in a sealed envelope. It was andressed to me. I opened it and found Frinds of the Speakership Candi dates Confident of Success. that it was a demand upon me for the pay ment of \$1,250,000. The letter stated that if the money was not given up at once to the presenter of the letter that he would blow

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.-|Special Telegram to THE BEE ]-"Mills is as good as elected. Our fight is won. There is no need ne, himself and the entire office up with dy namite. I read the letter and placing it is of more talk because victory is surely ours." Thus spoke tonight exCovernor Gearing of the envelope handed it back to him and California, one of the most ardent supporters turned to go into my private office when the explosion occurred." of the candidate of Corsicana. "We have

Coroner Messmer went to the Chambers street hospital and took the ante-mortem statement of Frank Robertson, 19 years old, burst the Springer boom." "The Springer forces are intact. Mr an employe of W. M. Imbre & Co., stock brokers at 56 Broadway. He said: "About 12:30 o'clock I went over to Mr. Russell Sage's office, No. 71 Broadway, with a check to get 100 shares of Burlington & Quincy stock. I saw a man talking to Mr. Sage very stock. I saw a man talking to Mr. Sage very Springer will be in the fight to the finish." said Senator-elect Palmer of Illinois tonight "Mr. Crisp is sofar in the lead that I should not be surprised to see him nominated on the first ballot, then if the Springer forces are broken, we feel that we shall win, for we are attentively. The latter seemed to shun him The man pulled out what looked like a pis so far ahead of Millis that with those that tol. It all glittered and he put it in his right will come to us from the breach, we must hand overcoat pocket. I knew nothing mor-until 1 called murder. I heard an explosion win on the next ballot after the breach." Thus spoke Representative Catchand everybody yelled murder. The ex-plosion took place a second after I saw him ings of Mississippi, one of the chief engineers of the Crisp canvass, and with almost equal

onfidence do the followers of McMillin and Hatch continue to prophecy. Nothing Seems Certain. Everybody still claims the race, although he goal is but a few hours distant with all the wearied competition in the homestretch The democratic house caucus is to meet at o'clock tomorrow afternoon. At 10 o'clock tonight no man can tell with ertainty who will win the prize of the econd position in power only to the presilency in the United States government, Nearly all of the democratic members of the nouse are now in Washington. The hotels where the speakership candidates have their neadquarters are crowded with jostling groups, all noisily discussing the prospects I the morrow. State delegations are meeting overy quarter of an hour and mysterious onferences are being held in every corner The situation has been such all day that a lecided change might be reported at any noment. The situation late tonight is a emulous as the needle of a shaken compass The most noticeable feature of the day has een the firm tone of confidence in the claim or the followers of Mills. Hereto-fore they have allowed the workers for Crisp to do all the claiming and up to last night when they gave out some

#### rather skaky figures, contented themselves with vague assurances of ultimate victory.

Mills' Friends Confident. Tonight, however, the Mills cohorts are enthusiastic and more definite. They claim a big accession from the northwest, caused a part by the arrival of ex-Postmaster eral Vilas, who promised to swing the Wis-consin democrats into line for Mills. Other arthern democrats are expected to follow his lead. The lowa democrats still say they nis lead. will vote for Springer on the first ballot, bu will turn for Mills whenever nocessary. The Illinois democrats have been meeting

at intervals all day and it is evidently a hard task to keep them in line for Springer. Add to this the fact that the Missouri delegation shows signs of wavering in allegiance to Hatch, that Washington is flooded with tele-grams tought from free trade democrata all over the country, imploring members to vote for Mills, and it is not hard to explain the astounding confidence of the followers of the father of the tariff bill which led the democracy to defeat in 1888, and yet in every estimate Crisp is considered in the ierd on the first ballot. It is on the subsequent break that Mills' chances of success hinge. The name of each condidate who may still be in the field tomorrow afternoon will be pre-sented to the cat, s in a nominating speech

a selfective as the orator can make it. Crisp will be named by Blunt of Georgia and Rayner of Maryland, Mills by Brecken-ridge of Arkansas and Crane of Texas, Mo-

Congressman Breekenridge of Arkansas keeper, and to use their twenty-three votes as e manager of Mills' canvass, said : ··W will certainly have more votes than Mr The Indiana delegation tonight endorsed Springer. As to what we will have upon the first ballot, J have prepared no figures Mr. Dalton for postmaster of the house and incidentally resolved to present Indianapolis for we do not expect a speaker to be selected perore the democratic national committee for upon the first ballot. All our estimates per-tain to subsequent ballots, when favorite The minor offices now seem likely to go as follows: Clerk, Kerr of Pennsylvania; ser-geant-at-arms, Yoder of Ohio; doorkeeper, ones are out of the way and congressmen are free to express their second choice."

#### Sanguine Crisp Men.

At the headquarters of Mr. Crisp there vas the same outward manifestation of con fidence which has characterized his canvass for some days. "We are always glad to give figures, and names, too, if desired," said Representative Catchings. "Upon the first ballot, assuming that 114 yotes will nomi-nate, we will have within twelve votes of a commation, and that, too, with all the can didates in the field. Mr. Mills is not being a serious factor in this fight. He will go into the caucus with fewer votes than Mr. Springer, but with all of them in the field our man will win on the second ballot." "I will go into the caucus with fifty-seven fifty-eight votes," said Mr. McMillin, 'and all gossip regarding my withdrawal is It is regarded as unlikely that any one not

now in the field can consolidate sufficient

The Michigan delegation held a meeting this afternoon. The delegation will be nearly if not wholly a unit in favor of Mr. Springer so long as he has a fair prospect of success. Mr. Crisp has developed unexpected strength in the delegation provided a break is made from Mr. Springer.

#### Guarding Against Hoodoos.

There is considerable difference of opinion as to the number of ballots which will be necessary to end the contest. Mr. Crisp thinks he will receive the nomination on the second ballot, and if not, then on the third. The other candidates say that at least three, and perhaps more, ballots will be necessary Mr McMillin, whose views agreed very nearly with those expressed by his rivals, suid: "No one can be nominated on the first ballot, nor on the second, and then the leader has got to win very quickly if he wins at all

A horse shoe, with rabbit feet on each heel, was sent to the Crisp headquarters today by a lady from the south, and with this double emblem of good lucs, one of Mr. Crisp's supporters jokingly asked how any one could longer doubt the result.

Republicans Will Make Nominations

The republican members of the house will aucus at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of nom inating their candidate for the speakership as well as for the minor offices of the house. The task will be a perfunctory one, and all of the old officers will undoubtedly be n nomination. The caucus will be held in the nouse if the democratic caucus adjourns in time, otherwise it will be held in the root of the committee on judiciary. The call w probably be issued by Representative Hen-derson of Illinois, chairman of the caucus.

#### THOUGHT HE WAS THE KIDNAPER.

Strange Experience in Kansas City. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 4 .- Special Agent Kretschmer of the luterstate commerce commission is in the city today on his way to Chicago. Mr. Kretschmer had a peculiar experience in Kansas City Thanksgiving night, and it was because of this that the federal grand jury at Omaha was delayed. Mr. Kretschmer had arranged to leave Kansas City on the Burlington Thanksgiving night at 9:40 o'clock, shortly after the kidnaping of "Junior" Beats, He was delayed so much that when he started for the train he had only three minutes in which to catch it. He had procured his tleaset for a passage over the Burlington and Pullman berth for Omaha, and not being desirous of losing the fare he engaged a back at double price to catch the train at the bridge depot. The back rushed furiously bridge depot. The hack rushed furiously down Broadway, but near the depot a police-man sprang to the horses' heads and after being dragged nearly a block succeeded in stopping the team. Two policemen jerked open the door and demanded the identity of the government official. He succeeded in satisfying the officers that he was not the kidnaper whom the police were on the took-out for, but by the time, he had reached the depot the train was he over the bridge.

#### TERRIBLE STORM RAGING.

#### Many Trains in North Dakota Block aded by Dr fting Snow.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 4 .- The storm is still raging with the mercury about at zero. The air is filled with snow. Railroad men report the first snow blockade in two years. All trains are practically abandoned. The Great Northern passenger, due last even ing, is in a snow bank two miles from thi-

Reports from Aberdeen, S. D., report that tty the worst wind and snow storm of the sea son has prevailed for the last twenty-four hours. All business is at a standstill and train services are greatly interfered with. At Moorehead, Minn., all the Great Northern

trains are tied up. Reports from Crookston, Owatonie and other Minnesota points say the blizzard is raging with great fury. Snow is falling fast and drifting badly. All trains are delayed from five to twenty-four hours. Several persons are reported frozen to death. Pierre, S. D., and Grand Forks, N. D., each report fatalities of this nature.

#### PENNSYLVANIA CYCLONE.

#### Much Damage Done at Carlisle and Other Towns.

five vessels - his flagship, the Chicago, the Atlanta, Bennington, Vantic and Essex, with headquarters at Montevideo. He will CARLISLE, Pa., Dec. 4 .- The worst storn known in years swept over the Cumberland valley this afternoon, wrecking buildings, have an effective fleet ready for immediat uprooting trees and destroying crops. The damage will reach and may exceed \$100,000, but as far as could be learned tonight no lives were lost.

At Mechanicsburg fifteen buildings were blown down, among them the National Hotel and Methodist church. Twelve other buildings were damaged. At Waynesboro, Landis' tool works and

the Weber school house were wrecked. Fortunately the pupils of the school had been dismissed and the employes of the tool works escaped with slight injury. Several buildings were unrocfed. The township school house and the Western Maryland round house were also demolished. From the country come reports of wrecked and ruined crops and prostrated telegraph

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 4 .- The storn ontinues with unabated vigor tonight. All trains on the Canadian Pacific, Great Northern and Northwestern are abandoned The streets are almost impassable. Seriou-loss of life is feared as the mercury is drop

At Deloraine, Mrs. John Peddle was found this morning frozen to death about 400 yards from ner home. She was driving home from market and was caught in last night's blizzaid. Her two children were also badly

#### Fatal Giant Powder Explosion.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 4 .- At Eagle Gorge fifty miles east of here, a workman named Chartes Rodgers was killed and Henry O'Nell was fatally wounded by an explosio of giant powder.

Changes of Interest in the Regular Service Yester lay. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4 .- [Spacial Tele

public service. Captain Heary G. Burton army surgeon, will report in person to Brig-adier General Alexander McD. McCook president of the army retiring board, at Los Angeles, Cal., for examination by the board and on the conclusion of his examination will return to his proper station Order dated November 20, 1891, appointing | by his physicians.

diss Millard arr ived from ting. General Cowin will appear for Mr Boyd in the celebrated gubernatorial case before the supreme court on next Monday. Postmaster's appointed today: Nebraska: Granger, Scotts Bluff county, P. J. Shawver vice A. B. Grow, resigned; Lamar, Chase county, L. D. Huffman vice V. L. Witson, resigned; Lewellyn, Keith county, C. Graf vice S. McN. Scott, resigned; Oles, Boone county, J. K Kram vice H. U. Gaalest, re-signed. Iowa-Bladensburg, Wapelio county, T. Murray vice W. F. Parker, resigned; Port-and Corres Gorde county, A. H. Harrington Postmasters appointed today: Nebraska

and, Cerro Gordo county, A. R. Harrington vice S. C. Hill, resigned; Rome, Henry

county, J. A. Sheridan vice C. C. Churchill

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.-Secretary

Fracy has issued an order detaching the

Newark from the squadron of evolution, and

directing Admirat Walker to proceed at once

with the Chicago, Atlanta and Bennington to

the south Atlantic station and assume com-

The order assigning Admiral Benham to

the command of that station is revoked and

he will probably remain in the United States

The Newark will, it is expected, be placed

under Admiral Gherardi's command, as part of the north Atlantic squadron.

service in either the south Atlantic or south

For the Last Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.-Secretary

Proctor attended the meeting of the cabine

vesterday for the last time and took officia

leave of his associates. He will sever his connection with the War department tomor-

WEATHER FORECASTS.

The storm has crossed the upper lake re

gion into Canada. Traces of it still linger in

There has not been much change in the

For Omaha and vicinity-Continued fair

weather with slight change in temperature

probably a little warmer today. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—For Missouri and Kansas—Fuir; variable winds; slightly

For Indian Territory and Oklahoma-

For Montana-Local shows; variable winds; stationary temperature in western,

For lowa and Nebraska Generally fair northwest winds; slight changes in temper

For North Dakota Occasional snows in eastern, fair in western portion; variable

Steamer Arrivals.

At Amsterdam-Scheidam, from Balti

At Baltimore—American, from Bremen, At New York- Trave, from Bremen; Ger-manic, from Liverpool.

Death Roll.

CHICKGO, Hi., Dec. 4.-Colonel Dick Taylor

died in this city today, aged sol. Colonel

Taylor was a personal friend of Lincoln and

t was he who suggested to Lincoln the idea

Governor Campb II (II.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 4 .- Governor Camp

bell is still confined to his bome with la

grippe, but is not considered dangerously ill

At Boston-Peruvian, from Moscow.

winds; slight changes in temperature.

winds; warmer by Sunday morning.

At London-Sighted, Etruria.

of greenbacks.

South Dakota-Generally fair; wes

Warmer; fair; south winds,

warmer in custern portion

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Омана, Dec. 4. Г

Admiral Walker's command will comprise

Orders for the Navy.

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of the express. It had four passengers, Three of them got out quickly after the shock, one escaping through a the shock, one escaping throug wiedow in his night shirt and drawers fourth man, it is understood, started to go out but for some reason turned back. That was the last seen of him, for a few seconds later the engine of the boat train crashed through the car. A piece of skull, an arm bone and a gold watch was all that was ound in the debris of the car.

Immediately after the last collision flames proke out from the Midland, which was about the center of the wreck of the four trains. The Midland was entirely destroyed, as were several box cars with their con-

#### Killed and Injured.

HARRY TABOR, engineer of the Long

JERRY FITZGERALD, Tabor's freman. JERRY FITZGERALD, Tabor's freman. AN UNKNOWN MAN, who was in the deeper of the train at the time of the acci-lent. At last accounts the body had not been taken out of the wreck.

injured are: ENGINEER WILD, of the night freight 212

astbound. REMAN BOYCE, also of the night freight. Both of the latter are seriously injured. ENGINEER BURLEY, of the boat train. FIREMAN LOWDEN, of the boat train.

A MR. CHANDLER, of Chestnut Hill, Boston, EXPRESS MESSENGER MARSHALL of the boat express, shoulder injured. BAGGAGEMASTER CHASE of the boat train.

four engines are totally destroyed Two of them were in the center of the flames.

DEATH ON THE WATERS.

#### Twenty Men Thought to Have Found

Watery Graves in the Hudson. HAVERSTRAW, N. Y., Dec. 4.-Twelvebarges loaded with brick, including the Irene, Captain James Kennedy; Delson, Captain Pat Hill; Louise, Captain A. Bradbury; Lizzle and Louise-Christie Roy, Captain Brenaan, James G. Scott and Ellen C. Mo-Guire, towed by the Cornell Towing com-pany's boat Townsend, were coming down the Hudson, and when opnosite Croton Point were upset at about 9 p. m. and about twenty persons were drowned. The names of the other boats were Mary G. Burns, Cap-tain Will Dewitt; Blackstone and Yellowstone from Tompkins, whose captains' names

ould not be learned. When at Croton Point the swash of the river was so great that the tug was compelled to round to, thus forcing the barges to ride each other. Boing loaded and the tide washog high, they immediately upset.

There were sixty men on the tweive barges and only about thirty have some ashore. The accident is reported to be due to the careless-ness of the pilot of the tug.

The boats did not sink but toppled over, Upon each barge were five mon, making sixty in ail. Tugs are out all over the river in the hope of saving any who may have clung to the bottom of the capsized barges, but little hope is entortained as to their

Twelve men are known to have been drowned from the different soats. Great. excitement prevails in the village. The Herald has the following details of

the disaster: Twelve trick barges coming down the Hudson river were struck by a violent wind storm off Croton Point at 9 o'clock last night and were capsized. Twenty lives are reported to have been lost. The bodies of ten have been recovered at midulght. The barges were in tow of the Cornell Towing company's

# The storm came upon them just as they reached the point. The river is very wide at this place and a high cross sea was run-ning. As the tow came around the point. the waves were so heavy that they began to wash over the steamer's side. To save her from foundering it was necessary to heave to

with head to the soa. The minute the tow line was cast off the barges began to drive into one another and bound about in the seaway. As they knocked together some had holes stove in their sides and sank them and some caught one against another and were carried over by their heavy deck loads, the waves and wind turning them bottom unwards. All this happened in a very few minutes.

Gaining in Strength. WASHINGTON, D. C., Doc. 4. Socretary Foster is slowly gaining strength and wasable to walk across his room today,

Minnesota and upper Wisconsin in the form of snow. BLIZZARD SWEPT MINNESOTA. The weather over all the westorn section has cleared off delightfully, and fair weather now prevails between the Mississippi and west-1 oss of Life. the Rockies. Snow is falling in Utan and western Montana. temperature and no decided change is an licipated.

#### RECENT ARMY ORDERS.

gram to THE BEE. |- The following army orders were issued today : Major Samuel M. Horton, surgeon, is detailed as a member of the Army Retiring Board at Los Augeles, Cal., convened by War department order dated February 9, 1891, vice Captain Henry G. Burton, assistant sur-geon, hereby relieved. Such journeys as Major Horton may be required to make between his station and Los Augeles in attend-ing meetings of the usard are necessary for

Snow and Cold Weather in the North

frozen. Special Agent Aretschmer Has