

## AWFUL EXPLOSION.

### Boilers in the Detroit Journal Office Blow Up.

The Building Wrecked and Scores of Persons Buried Beneath the Ruins—Thirty-three Dead Bodies Recovered—Many Others Injured.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 6.—About 9 o'clock yesterday morning the city was startled by a fearful explosion, which took place in the basement of the Journal building, a five-story structure at the corner of Larned and Shelby streets, occupied by a number of business firms in addition to the Journal newspaper company. Plate glass windows across the street and some of those farther away were shattered by the concussion and several persons were cut by falling glass. At the same instant the five floors and the roof of that section of the building collapsed and fell to the basement carrying with it at least fifty persons, who had not the slightest warning of their danger. The cloud of dust which blinded the eyes of the amazed spectators of the horror was quickly followed by smoke from the fires which started in the ruins. The work of rescue was pushed to the utmost all day and tonight, but progress is necessarily slow.

The wrecked portion of the building which is owned by the Newbury estate, was separated from the rest of the structure by a fire wall. The first floor of that section was occupied by the Davis company, dealers in druggists' specialties, and by the Journal's mailing department. The second, third and fourth floors were occupied by the Davis company, W. W. Dunlap & Co., machinists, and Hillier book bindery. The editorial rooms of the Journal are on the fourth floor but situated beyond the fire wall and the staff escaped injury.

The Journal's stereotyping room, on the fifth floor, was directly in the path of the explosion and went down in the wreck. A few had miraculous escapes and came staggering from the ruins after the awful shock, scarce knowing themselves what had happened.

From the lists of tenants and employees secured it seems certain that fifty persons in all were in the collapsed section, most of whom are undoubtedly lost.

Carelessness is undoubtedly the cause of the disaster, but where the responsibility rests is as yet problematical. Thomas Thomason, the engineer, was painfully injured. He said he could assign no reason for the explosion. City Boiler Inspector McGregor says he inspected the boilers last August and had found them up to the requirements.

As dead bodies are being taken from the ruins and identified the scene is most heart rendering. In addition to the large number known to be dead, nineteen persons have been rescued, some of them badly injured. Over a dozen dead bodies have already been taken from the ruins and at least twenty more are undoubtedly still buried.

Thirty-three Bodies Recovered.  
DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 7.—The work of recovering the bodies of the victims of the Journal boiler explosion continued all day to-day. By to-morrow morning all the debris will have been explored and the last of the bodies recovered.

At 9 o'clock the searchers uncovered the nineteenth body. It was that of Jennie Neubauer, one of Hillier's employees. Five minutes later the body of Bertha Weidbusch was dug out, and at ten minutes past 9 o'clock still another girl's body was recovered, so badly burned that it could not be recognized.

A few minutes before 3 o'clock the ghastliest find of the day was made. It was the trunk of a woman. The body was bloody, the arms and feet burned off. The head was found at some little distance from the trunk, completely severed by a falling timber. About 4 o'clock three bodies were found together under the debris, in the alley in the rear of the Journal building. There were two men and a girl in the group. The woman laid wedged between the other corpses. She was Lue Fretz, apprentice in the machine shop of the Rogers Typograph Supply Co. In her hand she still held the small bit of machinery with which she was working. On either side of her were Bradley and Derby, the carpenters who were caught while making some alterations to the building.

Up to 5 o'clock this afternoon every body taken from the ruins had been identified by friends and relatives. One body was that of a young woman sitting bolt upright in a chair as she had been when the explosion took place. She had been suffocated.

The cause of the frightful catastrophe was settled beyond all question this morning when the workers on the ruins got down to the boiler. The explosion was caused by a dry boiler. Thirty-three bodies in all have been taken from under the mass of debris.

Adm. Shufeldt Dead.  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Rear-Adm. Robert W. Shufeldt, retired, died at his home in this city this morning after a long illness following an attack of the grip and an accident while driving about a year ago. He had a notable record, having opened Corea to the world by treaty, surveyed the Tehuantepec canal route and played an important part in the civil war.

## A BOILER EXPLODES.

### Four Men Killed from a Blow-Up on the Lehigh & Hudson Railroad.

WARWICK, N. Y., Nov. 11.—Engine No. 15, of the Lehigh & Hudson railroad, blew up yesterday morning near this place. Two men were instantly killed and two others died later from their injuries. The engine was drawing a train between Maybrook and Phillipsburg. Conductor Martin O'Neill, of Belvidere, and his head brakeman, James L. Sloan, of Phillipsburg, were in the cab when the train started for the junction with Engineer William Cooper, of Phillipsburg, and his fireman, Herbert Beutner, of Easton, Pa. A train of forty cars had reached the top of the grade near the stone bridge, and as the train started down cold water was doubtless run into the boiler.

Brakeman Morris Hill saw the explosion that followed. The heavy boiler went 50 feet in the air and fell 25 feet from the tracks, leaving the engine trucks uninjured. Hill threw himself full length on a car and clung there. He recovered himself and he and Flagman Adams began setting brakes. The train ran a mile and a half before it could be stopped. Hill ran 6 miles to Warwick and gave the alarm and Adams went back to flag the eastern express.

Superintendent Bailey, with a gang of men, went in an engine to the scene. A terrible sight met the rescuers. Conductor O'Neill was crushed and mutilated almost beyond recognition, the train having passed over him. Sloan hung unconscious on a barbed wire fence and Engineer Cooper lay dead under the boiler. All were nearly naked, parts of their clothing hanging in the trees near by. A little later Fireman Beutner was seen walking along the tracks, his trousers being his only apparel. He was dazed and said he remembered going through the air and found himself in a field 50 feet from the tracks. He soon relapsed into unconsciousness and was taken to Easton, where he died in the afternoon. Brakeman Sloan died here yesterday morning.

## OUR POSTAL AFFAIRS.

### Interesting Figures from the Annual Report of First Assistant Postmaster-General Jones.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—First Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Jones has made his annual report for the year ended June 30, 1895. Mr. Jones shows that the divisions under his supervision have saved during the year \$1,395,577, the principal items being the saving in the carriers by stopping overtime and reduction of the force, amounting to \$1,300,000. The salaries to all presidential postmasters amounted to \$5,897,200, and the gross receipts of post offices \$69,538,097. The number of presidential postmasters is 3,491, of which 159 are first-class, 709 second class, 2,632 third class. An estimate of \$17,000,000 for all postmasters is made for the year 1897, an increase over the present year of \$1,000,000. The total number of positions brought within the classified service during the year were 2,305.

Mr. Jones recommends the abolition of experimental free delivery unless \$10,000,000 is appropriated for the purpose, also free rural delivery unless \$20,000,000 is appropriated.

An estimate of \$12,969,300 is made for the free delivery service next year. The money order report shows that there are 19,691 domestic money order offices and orders to the amount of \$156,709,089 were issued and \$156,159,489 paid. Mr. Jones recommends legislation requiring clerks handling money order business to give bonds.

Concerning the dead letter matter the report says: "The number of pieces of original mail matter received during the year for treatment was 6,319,879, a decrease of 781,171."

Mr. Jones renews several recommendations made in his last report, such as a penalty for using postmarks for unlawful purposes; to prevent boycotting post offices; to amend the franking laws; more stringent legislation against obscene mail matter; the power to suspend employees; the employment of temporary and substitute clerks; care for disabled employees; the better classification of salaries of clerks in larger offices and the employment of substitute carriers.

## QUELLED A RIOT.

### Miners at Birmingham, O., Attack a Boss and Are Filled with Bullets.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 11.—The Commercial-Gazette special from Birmingham says: A threatened riot at Ishkoota mines, near this city, was quelled by Percy Watkins, the mine boss, Saturday night, who killed two men and mortally wounded another. Watkins was assaulted by Louis Smith, Jr., Louis Smith, Sr., and Columbus Madden, with missiles. When they had Watkins down and, as they thought, knocked senseless, he emptied his revolver, killing Louis Smith, Jr., and Columbus Madden, and mortally wounding Louis Smith, Sr. The other dissatisfied miners then threatened Watkins, but were quelled by Watkins starting the same vigorous defense.

## Banker Johnson Returns.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 11.—Banker Frank Johnson, of the Citizens' state bank, which recently failed, who mysteriously disappeared last week, has returned. He declares he has been sick in western Nebraska and knew nothing of the attachment of his property and charges that he had left the country.

## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

### A YOUNG SON OF JOHN SCHADE, OF Shelby, was recently crushed to death by a wagon and runaway team.

The total registration of the city of Lincoln for the late election was 5,599, which was 1,109 less than a year ago.

Some time since Charles Fears, of Friend, fell from a horse and broke his back. He was to have been married the next day.

The women of the Christian church at Plattsmouth gave a free dinner on election day to all voters who voted the prohibition ticket.

A MAN, identified by letters as M. M. De Witt, of Omaha, was recently killed in a wreck on the Missouri Pacific road near Kansas City, Kan. He was stealing a ride on the bumpers of a coal train.

IDA GASKIN, an 11-year-old girl, was criminally assaulted and murdered at Omaha on the night of the 3d and her body was found in a vacant house next morning. Two men named Booker and Morgan were arrested on suspicion.

While Mrs. E. B. Robinson was out riding at Hastings the other afternoon the horse ran away and upset the carriage. Mrs. Robinson struck the ground with such force as to break her arm and otherwise injure herself quite badly.

LINCOLN police were recently engaged in the search for \$1,000 worth of diamonds, which were lost by a traveling man. His name was J. H. Vogel. The stones were in a small sample case, or wallet, which he carried in his pocket.

LAWSON COOK, who was at one time one of the wealthiest farmers of Otoe county, and a pioneer settler, died at the Lincoln insane asylum the other day at the age of nearly 78 years. He was adjudged insane and sent to the asylum in December, 1893.

SEVERAL weeks ago the 16-year-old son of A. Thorp, of Grand Island, was bitten by a dog supposed to be mad. A madstone was applied and as it did not adhere he was thought to be safe. The other day, however, the boy became a raving maniac with all the signs of hydrophobia.

In the federal court at Omaha several days ago Judge Sanborn decided a case involving \$7,000,000. The Central Loan & Trust Co., of New York, asked for a decree in foreclosure against the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railroad Co. for \$7,000,000 mortgage bonds, and the decree was granted.

LINCOLN police were recently notified from Deadwood, S. D., to keep a lookout for one Kimball, an insane banker, who was supposed to be headed toward Lincoln. Kimball had been previously picked up with valuable papers with him, but was released before the notification from Deadwood.

The Humboldt flour mill, the largest of its kind in southeast Nebraska, was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour of the morning. It was owned by O. A. Cooper, mayor of Humboldt, who placed his loss at \$63,000, with insurance not to exceed \$25,000. A Burlington freight car and a team of valuable horses also burned.

The case of Hiland H. Wheeler against J. E. Cobby for \$8,500 damages for an alleged infringement upon the copyrighted publication of the Nebraska statutes was thrown out of the federal court at Lincoln the other morning by Judge Shiras. The ground was that the plaintiff should have commenced his action within two years of the alleged infringement.

The secretary of the interior has affirmed the decision of the commissioner on the application of Albert Holt, that the interior department cause suit to be brought to cancel a patent issued to Wilson Pyles for a quarter section of land in Neligh land district. The secretary holds that no sufficient showing is made by plaintiff to warrant the department in recommending a suit for cancellation of the patent involved. In the homestead contest of Reuben A. Slaymaker against Lizzie Slay, from the O'Neill district, the secretary affirmed the decision of the commissioner and holds defendant's entry for cancellation.

At the late city election in Omaha the republicans carried everything before them. Bronch was elected mayor over Brown, the citizens' and democratic candidate, by 985. Two democrats were elected to the council. Peabody, for mayor, received 1,387 votes. The total vote of the city for mayor was 15,877. The Fourth Judicial district (Omaha City and Douglas county) elected five republican and two democratic and citizens' district judges. Norval, for supreme judge, carried the city and county by a plurality of 4,559 over his highest competitor, Judge Maxwell. Mahoney received 4,262 votes for supreme judge, Phelps 975 and Wolfenbarger 245 votes.

ACCORDING to the decision of Judge Holmes at Lincoln, Frank Hilton, ex-oil inspector of the state, must account for something like \$5,000 in fees which so far he has failed to turn over to the state treasurer. Judge Holmes overruled Hilton's demurrer, which was made on the theory that the law creating the office of oil inspector was unconstitutional and, consequently, he could not be compelled to account for fees he had received. The court held that the fact that Hilton had given bond and accepted fees stopped him from setting up the alleged unconstitutionality of the law, and he must account for all fees received. Judge Holmes also decided that the office of coal oil inspector is not an executive office.

## EXTRADITED.

### An Alleged Confederate in an Embezzlement Succeeded by Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 11.—Secretary of State Mariscal has notified United States Minister Ransom that Richard C. Rowe, of Iowa, for whom claim had been made for extradition, would be delivered at once to Superintendent William E. Force, of the Pinkerton National Detective agency, who had been here for the last five months working on the case. The two will leave for Iowa to-morrow. The crime with which Rowe is charged is helping his brother, Chester Rowe, who was treasurer of Poweshiek county, Ia., to embezzle \$33,000. Chester Rowe has taken out his naturalization papers, and being now a citizen of Mexico cannot be extradited, but will be tried here for bringing stolen property into the country.

## HONORS FOR MR. PEAK.

### The President Said to Have Selected a Kansas City Man as Minister to Switzerland.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—The president is said to have decided upon the appointment of John L. Peak, of Kansas City, as minister to Switzerland, to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of James O. Broadhead, of St. Louis, and the information is received from such sources as to place its reliability beyond all reasonable question. The appointment may be withheld until after the assembling of congress in December, so as to avoid the necessity of a reappointment for complimentary purposes, but the assurance that it will be made rests upon such authority that Mr. Peak's friends may safely tender to him their congratulations.

## KILLED WHILE ON DUTY.

### A California Express Agent Shot to Death Because He Would Not Give Up Money.

STOCKTON, Cal., Nov. 11.—While the stages from Oakland and Angeles were changing horses at Chinese Camp George Camp, the assistant postmaster and express agent, was shot to death by two robbers. Five thousand dollars in coin were shipped from Oakland on the stage, and the robbers were evidently aware of the fact. Morris had the money with him at the time, and when called upon to surrender, opened fire on the robbers. One of the men had a shotgun, and returned the fire, riddling Morris' body with buckshot. They then left without taking the money.

## PANIC IN EUROPE.

### Intervention of the Rothschilds Alone Prevented Serious Results.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—The Paris correspondent of the Times says it is understood that only the intervention of the Rothschilds on Saturday prevented the panic at Paris from becoming positively disastrous. A dispatch to the Daily News from Berlin says that but for the assistance rendered by the Rothschilds on Saturday horse prices would have closed still weaker. The panic could not have been worse on the eve of a general European war.

## CUBANS ENCOURAGED.

### It Is Said the Insurgents Have Surrounded Gen. Campos—A Crisis Expected.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Dispatches from Havana indicate a crisis in Cuban affairs. Gen. Campos, commander of the Spanish forces in Cuba, has been completely surrounded at Santa Clara by the insurgent forces, and a decisive battle is expected. Campos has been making his headquarters at Santa Clara, and has with him the flower of the Spanish army. His force is, however, greatly outnumbered by the insurgent forces, and altogether things do not look rosy for the Spanish cause.

## WILL GIVE AMPLE WARNING.

### The Government Weather Bureau Has Arranged a Service That Will Benefit Farmers.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Prof. Garriott, of the weather bureau, has perfected a system whereby fourteen western states will give mutual warning by telephone, telegraph and signals of the approach of storms. The territory has been subdivided so perfectly that stockmen and farmers will be warned at least twenty-four hours in advance of blizzards.

## FIGHTING CHRISTIANITY.

### China Not Yet Ready to Yield to the Kindly Persuasions of Missionaries.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—News from China is discouraging to the propagators of Christianity. At Hunan, the place in which the book entitled "Death to the Devil's Religion" was written, the author, Chou Han, is issuing and distributing thousands of copies of his work.

## Interesting Book to Merchants.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—The statistical bureau of the state department has just issued a work of great value to merchants generally in the shape of a volume on the "Highways of Commerce." This was compiled from reports by United States consular officers on the means of freight and passenger transportation and telegraphic communication in their respective districts.

## Burned by Cinders and Hot Iron.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Saturday afternoon, in the works of the Inroquois Furnace Co. at South Chicago, seven workmen were engaged in transferring some boiler plates, when the blast was overthrown and all were caught in the hot shower of cinders and mass of heated iron. Four were fatally and the other three badly burned.

## NOW A DUCHESS.

### The Great Society Event of New York City.

### Marriage of the Duke of Marlborough and Miss Vanderbilt—Profuse Church Decorations—Two Bishops and a Rector Officiate.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The much-talked-of wedding of Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt and the duke of Marlborough took place yesterday in St. Thomas' church. The hour set for the beginning of the ceremony was 12 o'clock. At that hour the church was thronged with representatives of New York's smartest society gathered to witness the ceremony. A squad of fifty policemen was on hand at 9 o'clock to keep the entrance to the church clear. By 10 o'clock they had their hands full to keep the fast increasing crowd moving. At that hour the church



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doors were thrown open, and it was found to be decorated to the perfection of the florist's art.

The ushers were at their posts the moment the doors opened. They were Messrs. F. Brockholst Cutting, Richard T. Wilson, Jr., Reginald Ronalds, Herbert D. Robbins and Hamilton W. Cary. The full choir of the church was in the choir alcove, and the organist of the church was assisted by a harpist. At 10:15 o'clock the concert began and continued until 11:15.

At 12 o'clock the clergy attired in their clerical robes entered from the vestry room. Bishop Littlejohn, who officiated, was followed by Bishop Potter and Rev. John Wesley Brown, rector of the church, who took their stations at the chancel and awaited the arrival of the bride and bridegroom. At a few minutes before 12 o'clock carriages containing the bride, her mother and the bridesmaids, drove up to the church. The bridal party at once went to the small room at the left of the entrance, where the last touches were put on the gowns and everything was in readiness for the ceremony. The duke of Marlborough with his best man, his cousin, Hon. Ivor Guest, entered the church



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from the vestry room and both took their posts at the right of the chancel and awaited the coming of the bride. The ushers marched up the side aisles and took their stations in front of and at either side of the chancel. The bridesmaids led the bridal procession, walking two and two. Then came Miss Vanderbilt on the arm of her father and carrying in her left hand the bridal bouquet. The bridesmaids took positions at either side of the chancel. The bridegroom stepped forward and took the right hand of Miss Vanderbilt and led her to the chancel steps. The marriage rite of the Episcopal church then followed. Immediately after he had given his daughter away Mr. William K. Vanderbilt quietly left the church.

When the marriage ceremony was over the duke and his bride went to the vestry room and signed the marriage register. At the same time each of the bridesmaids took a basket of nosegays and marched back up the aisle distributing them among the guests. As the duke and his bride entered the church the orchestra played the wedding march from Tannhauser. The bridesmaids returned to the chancel and the bridal party marched down the aisle, the ushers leading. The bridesmaids followed them and then came the duke and his bride. After them came Mrs. Vanderbilt on the arm of Mr. Guest. The party immediately entered carriages and drove to Mrs. Vanderbilt's house, where the reception and breakfast followed. At 3 o'clock the duke and duchess of Marlborough left for Oakdale, L. I., where, at Mr. Vanderbilt's country place, "Idle Hour," they will spend their honeymoon.