

THE STORY OF A WEEK.

The Things and Happening in Our Two Peninsulas Which are of Much Importance.

An \$80,000 Blaze at the Eastern Michigan Asylum for the Insane, but All Escaped Uninjured.

A Well and Widely Known Editor Has Passed Away.—Marshall Mayatt Killed His Men.

Frontier Insane Asylum Burned.

The main building of the eastern Michigan asylum for the insane at Pontiac was completely gutted by fire for nearly one-third of its length on Saturday, but happily not a single fatality is to be reported, and not one of the 780 patients who occupied the structure suffered any serious injury. The physicians and attendants stood nobly by their work and in a very short time after the blaze was discovered all the inmates of the threatened wards had been removed to places of safety. The local fire department responded promptly, and with the aid of the asylum fire squad fought a plucky battle against the flames. As soon as a special train could reach the scene of the conflagration from Detroit, the Pontiac forces were supported by engine No. 8, a hose cart and about 200 well trained firemen of the City of the Straits. The training and experience of Detroit's fire ladders was soon shown to be of much value, for within an hour and a half from the time of their arrival the flames were under control. The Pontiac fire department did splendid work as did the asylum fire corps.

Dr. D. B. Taylor, of the medical staff, was making his rounds when he detected the smell of smoke. It was sometime before he could discover from whence it came, when he saw the flames burst from the north tower. He at once gave the alarm and in a moment the dread news had spread from wing to wing. Here was where the excellent fire discipline under which the attendants are drilled became useful. The work of removing the patients was begun in a most systematic way. The north wing was devoted to women and all were removed without any disturbance within a remarkably short time. The inmates being sent to the entire force available began fighting the fire in earnest, but despite all efforts the administration building, where the medical offices and dwelling apartments of the medical staff were situated, was destroyed as was the north wing entire.

In speaking of the origin of the fire Dr. Burr said: The telephone wires ran through the attic where the fire started. In that attic were no flues, no chimneys, only ventilating shafts of sheet iron which could in no way have anything to do with the fire. Rats and matches is not a tenable theory, for there are few if any rats in the asylum and no matches except safety matches, which are never allowed to leave the hands of the attendants. Nor were there any gas pipes or fixtures, nor any oily rags or grease or chemicals in the attic. But there was a great deal of dust, and there was a very high wind. It is impossible to ascribe the fire to any other cause than that the telephone wires were in contact with an electric light fixture in Pontiac, that a spark was thereby flashed from the wire into the dust beneath the asylum roof which ignited it, and that this dust smoldered and smoldered until it burst into the blaze which caused such sad havoc in the attic. The amount of damage by a careful estimate is fixed at \$80,000. Out of the 43 wards all but nine are ready for occupancy when dry. The fire in no case touched the ground floor, except in the administration building, where all the furniture and personal belongings were saved. The walls of the building are believed to be sound with but few bricks misplaced. Work has already begun clearing away the debris and the burned portion will be reconstructed at once. It was thought about 100 patients would have to be sent to other institutions for a few weeks but quarters have been provided for all and with the exception of being slightly cramped all will be made comfortable.

General Tom Applegate Dead.

The well-known and widely known Tom Applegate, editor of the Adrian Times and Expositor, died at his home in Adrian of paralysis of the heart on Sunday morning. Mr. Applegate had arose and taken a walk to his office and back when death overtook him just as he reached home.

Thomas Applegate was born in England in 1838. Came to New York where he was engaged in the printing business. After reporting on the New York papers for some time he went to Adrian in 1863. Here he became an able factor in the publication of the Adrian Watchtower. Gen. Humphrey purchased the paper and he was rechristened the Times and soon after was merged with the Expositor. Capt. J. H. Fee became a part owner and the firm was Applegate & Fee until Mr. Applegate became sole owner in 1885. He was a member of the Grand National Lodge and was active in politics except as worker on state and county committees. Mr. Applegate was recognized as one of the foremost journalists of the state and ever strived to elevate the standard of local papers. In newspaper associations he was always a central figure. He was kindhearted and generous and his absence will be felt very deeply. He leaves a widow and aged mother.

The Marshal Shot Two Men.

Alexander Perala and Michael Katilla were shot by Town Marshal Mayatt, of Lake Linden, while resisting arrest. Perala was instantly killed and Katilla is so severely injured that he will probably die. The two men were slightly intoxicated, but were going quietly home when Marshal Mayatt and Justice Brule decided to put them under arrest. When approached the men showed fight, and pulling knives slashed the marshal across the breast and arm. Mayatt then stepped back a few paces and pulling his revolver opened fire. Perala fell at the first fire and died in a few minutes. Katilla was hit by the third shot and is terribly injured. Justice Brule was stabbed in the back, but was not seriously hurt. There is great excitement at the town and the marshal is much blamed.

Short Lived Liberty.

Frank Hendrick of Adrian, and "Brooky" Quint, of Grand Rapids, the two-year-men who scaled the walls of the state house of correction at Ionia, were found between Lowell and Ada within 13 hours and returned to the institution.

Soper's Successor Selected.

Robert E. Blacker, of Maclester, one of the best known democrats in Michigan, has been appointed secretary of state by Gov. Winans. He accepted and was sworn into office, and at once entered upon the discharge of his duties.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Fire broke out in the Union school building at Grand Haven damaging it \$11,000; fully insured. Cause unknown.

Iron Mountain is hard at work trying to raise \$12,000 bonus asked by the Quinnessee logging railway for its proposed extension.

They are living like heathens in Jedd; no church, no Sabbath school, no socials, no meetings. Diphtheria has got a grip there.

Isaac Mills, of Carsonville, has purchased the site and will build a kite track all by himself, if others do not care to chip in.

Treasurer S. O. McFarlane, of the trainmen's brotherhood at Escanaba, is said to be in Canada with \$1,000 of the lodge's funds.

David Monroe, who was injured while working in the St. Clair railway tunnel, has sued the tunnel company for \$500,000 alleged damages.

Alfred Thomas, employe of the Wolverine mine at Red Jacket, was asphyxiated by powder smoke by going into a drift soon after a blast.

A Jackson local firm will bring action against Warden Davis for false imprisonment for holding one of the indeterminate sentence prisoners.

John Dahlstrom, a miner at the Saginaw mine at Ishpeming, which but recently began operations extensively, was instantly killed by a fall of rock.

Col. Robert D. Burns, of Kalamazoo, a well-known member of the local legion and for years a trustee of the Michigan asylum, is dead; heart disease.

Ex-Secretary of State Soper returned to Lansing with ex-Representative Frank W. Cook, of Muskegon, as his counsel, and says he is not ready to say "quilt" yet.

Nine horses and other live stock and 900 bushels of wheat burned when Mrs. Giddens' barn, near Niles, was destroyed by fire, the total loss being \$4,000.

Grandma Compton has died at the home for aged women in Bay City, from the effects of injuries inflicted by her insane daughter, Mrs. George D. Seaman. She was 85 years of age.

The Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad company is replacing many of its wooden bridges with iron structures, and just now the bridges between Holly and Penton are being rebuilt.

The 16-year-old son of Thomas Wilson, of Hartford, stood with his arm over the muzzle of a shot gun. The stock slipped off the end of the platform he was standing on and he had his wrist shot to pieces.

Charlotte Hanley, a young Grand Rapids orphan, is dying. She claims that she was grossly assaulted by a man, after being rendered unconscious by some liquor. The warrant has been issued for the brute.

The Stickley Bros., chair manufacturers, have changed their base of operations from Binghamton, N. Y., to Grand Rapids, and 45 families move with them. The firm's new factory is ready for the machinery.

The highwayman is still making life miserable for Pontiac citizens. The latest victim was William R. Foster, aged 70, who was knocked down, and robbed of \$175. He claims three men assaulted him and he is badly bruised.

August Johnson, a miner at Crystal Falls, was fixing a steam pipe under ground when his candle went out. While groping around in the dark he fell into a tank of boiling water and was fatally scalded. He was 23 years old and unmarried.

Mrs. John Frohling, of Grand Rapids, disappeared, and next morning was found dead in a cistern. She had pulled the cistern cover closed after crawling in. She was 23 years old and had been married 12 years. She had suffered long from ill health.

After a year of great and seeming uncertainty the supreme court has decided that John McQueen is a citizen of the United States, and legally qualified to hold the office of Sheriff of Kent county. Mr. McQueen has been serving as sheriff since January 1st last.

The Saginaw hostelry, Hotel Vincent, whose proprietor, E. Kirby, recently filed mortgages to the amount of about \$25,000, will remain open. Who will be the proprietor has not yet been decided. There is some talk of Dan Webster, of the Wright house, at Alma.

George Jacob Sehwalzof, of Rockford, Ill., has again succeeded in obtaining James Ogilvie, of Alpena, as a disciple and has lured the old gentleman back to the Illinois village. Ogilvie has given up his mortgage upon the estate and his earthly possessions will now go as he first directed.

John Craig, the Toledo shipbuilder, is going to construct the new steel steamer that is to run upon the heavy dew and about three feet of water in the Grand river channel below Grand Rapids. It is to be a modern river craft and something of a novelty in the line of marine architecture.

The Congregational church of Saginaw has found a new channel for usefulness. It raised a purse and sent a tradesman to the Wrights infirmary. The man has returned home and is working at his bench, as though he never knew the taste of liquor. This branch of home mission work will be continued.

P. M. Church, of Sault Ste. Marie, claims to have made a valuable discovery. He says if a person will refrain from expelling air forcibly through the nasal passages he will never have catarrh, and if one who has the disease will also refrain from forcible exhalation the disease will be cured. The remedy is so inexpensive that the merits of Church's claim can be tested by thousands.

L. E. Rowley, deputy secretary of state, has tendered the governor his resignation as a member of the committee to investigate the state department. The governor immediately named Presiding Attorney Prosser, of Ingham county, in his stead. The governor has formally accepted Soper's resignation, and sent him a notification of his action. It is believed he will nominate his successor at an early day.

Capt. E. L. Baker, has committed suicide at Racine, Wis.

The committee appointed by the Grand Rapids common council to examine the books of deposed City Physician Wright found that 93 prescriptions had been filled for names not on the city poor books. By these an exorbitant amount of liquor had been drawn and charged to the city. One man had drawn 15 gallons of whisky and six quarts of brandy, while another had received five gallons of fine brandy, six quarts of whisky and over 50 drachms of morphine, or over 12,000 doses. All this happened in the past year. Dr. C. M. Kelly has been appointed Dr. Wright's successor.

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John P. Richardson, of Chattanooga, one of the wealthiest cotton planters of the south, is dead from cigarette poisoning.

MATTERS OF INTEREST.

News Items of More or Less Importance Gathered From Many Sources by Special Correspondents.

Canadian Scandals Becoming More Scandalous Upon Each Day's Investigations.

The F. & P. M. Railroad Withdraws From Its Ohio Business.—A Terrible Fight With Knives.

A \$2,000,000 Steal.

Montreal special: Astonishing revelations are being made as to the operations of the Mercierites during their control of the provincial government. The new treasurer of the province on taking possession instituted an investigation and announces a startling state of affairs. The late government's last financial statement estimates the deficit for the year at \$600,000. There has been found an item in the books called "special expenditure," which swells the total deficit or excess of expenditures over receipts to \$2,233,000. The department is now engaged in tracing where this extra \$1,600,000 has gone. In doing this the fact was stumbled on that for the past four years Philip Vallieres has had a private contract to furnish every public building in the province with everything in the way of furniture, but no price was stipulated, no limit made. He also made loans to the government when money was needed in a hurry and received exorbitant bonuses for the same.

A Terrible Wreck.

On Christmas eve a freight train and a passenger collided in a tunnel on the New York Central railroad at Sing Sing, New York. The weather was heavy and made the railway extremely difficult. The locomotive of an express train dashed into the rear coach of the passenger and several cars were telescoped. The rear coach was a sleeper and well filled and the escaping steam did terrible work on the poor victims pinned in the wreck. A delay of three hours had taken place after the first accident before any attempt was made to avoid a second; then a brakeman was sent back with a light. He met a switchman and of course the inevitable bottle of Christmas cheer was passed. While the healths were being drunk the express dashed by in lightning speed and rum had done its deadly work once more. The result was 11 deaths and as many more seriously injured.

F. & P. M. Stole a March.

The F. & P. M. railroad has discharged every employe in Ohio, and abandoned the state. Consequently when the sheriff could find no one when he came to serve summons upon the road, upon suits resulting from last month's disaster at Toledo when an F. & P. M. train ran into the rear of a Lake Shore passenger, killing 10 people. The F. & P. M. had reached Toledo upon the tracks of the Lake Shore from Monroe, and its ostensible reason for quitting is that the latter road wanted it to assume all risks and pay all damages; but the real reason is undoubtedly that no service may be got upon it in the impending damage suits. The Flint & Pere Marquette's rival, the Toledo & Ann Arbor, is negotiating for the use of the tracks and the former road will lose not less than 20,000 carloads of freight as well as a large passenger traffic by abandoning the field.

The Leaders Are Hit.

Special dispatches from Washington say: room since the adjournment of the house with a bad cold, which has now developed into a pronounced case of grippe. Dr. Walsh has charge of the case, and it is thought that the speaker is more seriously ill than the public has been led to believe. The proposed visit of the speaker to Georgia has been abandoned for the present. Not only is he quite ill, but his late antagonist is now in poor health. Mr. Allen is now at Old Point Comfort, where he will remain until the reassembling of congress. His physicians think that with absolute quiet and rest he will recover his health. Mr. Mills will not go Texas to look after his senatorial candidacy, but will leave it wholly to his friends and zealous lieutenants, who are sanguine of his election.

A Terrible Duel With Knives.

One of the bloodiest duels ever recorded took place near Morgantown, Tenn. Joseph Harris had suspected that John Aiken was too intimate with his young wife and on several occasions had told Aiken that his presence was not desired at his (Harris) house and for him to discontinue his visits. Aiken did not heed the warning. Harris and Aiken met in the public road and hot words passed. Harris drew a long-bladed knife and made a desperate lunge at Aiken. By this time Aiken had his knife out, and both men cut and slashed each other until Aiken fell dead, with the knife of his antagonist still sticking where he had plunged it. A party was got up to search for the murderer, but failed to get him.

Chill at the World's Fair.

Lieut. Harlow, commissioner for the world's fair in the republic of Chili, reports to the bureau of American republics that he has received the most gratifying encouragement from the government of Chili with regard to his representation at the world's fair. He encloses a letter from the minister of foreign relations, H. A. Matta, which says, "I have the honor to tell you, after having received orders from the president and the subsequent instructions of my colleagues, that the government and the people of Chili will cheerfully contribute to it."

J. I. Case Dead.

Ernie I. Case, the well-known manufacturer and horse breeder of Racine, Wis., has died, aged nearly 70 years. It is estimated that his fortune amounts to \$5,000,000 or more. About 15 years ago Mr. Case began breeding trotting horses, and his stable still boasts such famous cracker as Jay-Eye-See and Phalaris. Mr. Case leaves a widow and four children. His son, Jackson, is now mayor of the city.

Bought the River Bottom.

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SIM'S GANG LYNCHED.

Mississippi's Band of Bold, Merciless Desperados Annihilated.

"Bob" Sims, the most notorious and cold-blooded of recent desperados of the south, has at last succumbed to his fate. He, with four of his most blood-thirsty followers, have been lynched near Shubuta, Miss.

Sims first gained notoriety three years ago by the organization of a religious society, the members of which were known as "Simites." He owned a small farm in Choctaw county, Ala., operated a moonshine distillery, assisted by his sons and daughters, and on Sundays preached to his neighbors the peculiar doctrines of his so-called religion. He insisted that every man should be governed by his own sense of right and wrong, without regard to law. He held that every man had a perfect right to do just as he pleased. He soon became so lawless that an attempt was made to restrain him. He was arrested, but his captors were set upon by followers and several killed. Sims then began a career of murder and pillage such as has not been known since the days of Indian warfare. The state determined, however, to place him behind the bars and a long chase was begun. He was finally traced to his stronghold in Clarke county, Miss. Here Sims was well-fixed with Tom Savage, Con Savage and two grown sons of the latter, with Sim's wife and three daughters. A detachment of artillery of the state troops were sent to the scene and preparations made to blow the hiding place to kingdom come. This made Sims think of his wife and children and he agreed to surrender if protection was promised. This was agreed to and the men walked out without arms and gave themselves up to the surprise of their captors. On the way to the prison the party was attacked by a vigilance committee and the male members of the gang paid their just debt by stretching hemp. They all died cursing.

Awful, Terrible Tales.

The cables received from St. Petersburg, tell terrible tales of suffering and woe. The prison at Samara which was built to hold 300 inmates is now crowded with thousands of unfortunate, among whom typhus and typhoid fever are raging. The doctor whose duty it is to attend sick prisoners are in despair and have not visited their charges for a month. A rapid increase in the number of deaths due to the famine is reported. The government is dispatching troops to districts where riots are likely to break out. The government officials now refuse to grant permission for private distributions of food or the opening of soup kitchens. All relief must now be given through officials in the name of the czar. Moscow is threatened with an epidemic of smallpox. Twenty new cases are reported there daily. The schools of the city were closed for the holidays a week earlier than usual on account of the smallpox scourge and all the scholars have been vaccinated.

Wanted Vanderbilt's Brains.

While Cornelius Vanderbilt was entertaining a number of friends at his New York residence, a good looking, well dressed young man, rang the street door bell. To the page who had answered the summons the visitor said he had called to see Mr. Vanderbilt personally to get his brains, which he proposed to have subjected to an expert analysis in order to determine why he (Vanderbilt) had been able to amass a fortune while he (the caller) was practically penniless. The page summoned an officer who took the young man to the station house. In his pocket was found a card bearing the name "John J. Lingram, 601 East Eleventh street," also a membership card of the young men's Christian association.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

McKinley is now rapidly convalescing. Bismarck's friends may start a paper for his interests.

Prince Bismarck entertained James Gordon Bennett at Friedrichsruhe.

Half of the town of Truckee, Cal., valued at \$50,000—has been destroyed by fire.

Waynesboro, Gordonville, Warrentown and Newmarket, Va., all report bank failures.

Dr. Burger, of Boonville, Mo., claims that he has been using the "bi-chloride" treatment for drunkenness for 15 years, having got the formula from a medical journal.

The duke of Devonshire has died, aged 53. The marquis of Hartington is his successor.

A rock got in front of an express train near Rockport, Pa., and Michael Labelle was killed.

Argentine Republic's crops this season will bring in \$200,000,000—the greatest ever known.

The big corn speculator, S. V. White, who recently failed, will probably resume business soon.

The lieutenant-governor is going to dissolve the Quebec legislature and call for a new election.

A passenger train and a freight collided near Baltimore, Md., and Engineer Trout had one leg broken.

Will Lancaster, a noted desperado, was shot and killed while resisting arrest at Ultima Thule, Ark.

Negotiations are pending at Butte, Mont., for the settlement of court of the celebrated Davis will case.

The New York state republican committee met at the Fifth Avenue hotel and discussed the ballot reform bill.

Gov.-elect McKinley, of Ohio, has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to give some attention to business again.

A large icicle in the Exeter shaft at Pittston, Pa., fell on two men, who were being hoisted up to remove it, killed one and fatally injuring the other.

The steamer West Coast was thrown upon the reef at Mendocino, Cal., by heavy seas. By the capsizing of the ship's boat nine of the crew were drowned.

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CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

Not Much of It with the Exception of Adjournment—Several of Last Year's Bills Introduced.

The Funeral Services of the Late Senator Plumb Conducted by the Senate Chaplain.

Senator Standford Introduces a Bill to Extend the Executive Mansion.—Completion of the Navy Urged.

SENATE.—The funeral services over the late Senator Plumb were the only matters before the senate on the 21st. The services were conducted by Chaplain Butler. HOUSE.—No session.

SENATE.—Among the papers presented and referred on the 22d, were resolutions of the military order of the Loyal Legion, urging the completion at the earliest possible moment practicable "a navy sufficient in ships and armament to command and enforce the respect due the flag of this nation the world over." Senator Standford took the oath of office for his new term and then introduced the following bills: To provide the government with means sufficient to supply the want of a sound circulating medium; for the extension of the executive mansion; to encourage co-operation in the District of Columbia and to provide for the formation of associations for the purpose of conducting lawful business and dividing profits. Executive session and adjournment as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Congressman Ford of Michigan. P.M.—No session.

SENATE.—Senator Manderson proposed at the session of the 23d.

Three memorial signed interested persons were presented. They were memorials of the movement in Georgia for securing congressional legislation for deep water at the harbor of Savannah, Ga. Bills introduced: To amend the Nicaragua ship canal act; making an appropriation for improving the harbor of New Orleans; two messages from the president were presented, read and appropriately referred—one as to the arrangement and operation of electric wires in the District of Columbia, and the other as to a uniform usage by all the departments of the government in the spelling of the geographical names. Adjourning to Jan. 5. HOUSE.—Chaplain Milburn prayed for the late Senator Plumb. Mr. Meredith, of Virginia, took the oath of office. The speaker then announced the committee appointments, Michigan received a good share of representation. Mr. Springer was made chairman of the ways and means committee and Mr. Mills was placed at the head of the commerce committee. Mr. Kusk of Maryland, offered a resolution directing the committee on accounts to designate the committee to which clerks should be allowed. Mr. Meredith, of Virginia, announced the death of his predecessor, W. H. F. Lee, and as a mark of respect the house adjourned to meet January 5.

Ocean Steamer Burned.

Cables from London, says: The Guion line steamer, Abyssinia, which sailed from New York, Dec. 18, for Liverpool, has been burned at sea. All on board were saved. The news of the burning of the Abyssinia was brought by the steamer Sprea. She signaled that the Abyssinia was burned while in lat. 49 n., long. 29 w. The lost steamer, Abyssinia, besides having on board 16,000 bushels of wheat, carried a valuable cargo of miscellaneous goods, among which was a large quantity of hops, etc. At the office of the Guion line in that city it was said that all the passengers and crew of the burned steamer were probably on the White Star steamer, Tonic, as that liner would be in the same latitude on her course to Queenstown.

Determined to Suicide.

Bertha Prezner, a servant girl employed by Harry H. Boyd, of Allegheny, committed suicide some time last week. Her efforts to kill herself showed cool determination in the face of many obstacles. She first hung herself to the chandelier in the dining-room, but the pipe broke, filling the house with gas. She then slashed her wrists with a butcher knife, but failing to end her life in this manner, she went to the laundry and hung herself to the water pipe. This also broke flooding the cellar. By this time she was too weak to move and when found her body was found lying dead in a pool of water. The young woman was recently converted at a religious revival and it is thought was insane when she committed the deed.

Anarchists' Work.

Clycy, a northern suburb of Paris, France, is in a state of great excitement over the discovery of four bombs in the police station there. The fuses attached to the bombs had been ignited, but they had by some means been extinguished before reaching the explosives with which the bombs were filled. It was at Clycy that serious socialist disturbances occurred during the labor demonstrations on May day and the fact of finding these bombs caused great alarm in police and other circles, as it is believed it shows that the persons who came in contact with the police on May day are determined to seek revenge, and that some of them placed the bombs where they were found in the hope of demolishing the station.

Unprovoked Murder.

Reports have been received that a brutal murder has been committed in the village of New Germany, Ont., by Martin Reinhard, aged 60 years. The victim, Michael Hattus, aged about 28 years, was walking into the village when Reinhard met him, and without a word plunged a knife into his heart, killing him instantly. Reinhard attempted to escape, but was pursued and arrested. A large jack knife stained with blood was found in his possession. He confessed that this was the weapon used. His motive is not known.

The American wheel plant at Kalamazoo has been damaged to the extent of \$1,000 by fire. It caught from a dust explosion, similar to that which caused a large loss in the washboard factory recently.

Must Take Their Medicine.

Chief Justice Fuller has announced in the United States supreme court that the court had affirmed the decision of the lower court in the cases of Charles L. McElvain, convicted of the murder of the Brooklyn grocer Lucon, and Nicola Trezza, also convicted of murder. Their appeals maintained that the provision for solitary confinement and other features of the law were unconstitutional.

A flock of wild geese was seen at Niles flying to the northwest. It is supposed that they were in quest of cold weather.

INSULT UPON INSULT.

The Chilean Authorities Becoming More Insolent Daily.

Valparaiso special:—Minister Egan has officially requested the Argentine minister, Senor Uriburu, to note the presence of Chilean police agents in the vicinity of the American legation, as also the attempted arrest of Frank Egan, the American minister's son. A meeting of the foreign ministers will shortly be held for the purpose of requesting the attention of the Chilean government toward the action of the municipal authorities in maintaining police surveillance of the American legation. An additional insult was offered the American minister in the case of the refugees under his protection who applied for a release upon furnishing bonds to appear when wanted by the authorities. This was recently granted to another refugee in the Spanish legation. The government replied that the refugee must first leave the American legation, surrender himself to the Chilean authorities and submit to imprisonment. The government, after he has done these things, would consider his request, not before.

Veteran of Two Wars.

Gen. John R. Keely has died at Baltimore. He was born there in 1822, studied law, but soon after being admitted to the bar he raised a company of volunteers for service in the Mexican war. He distinguished himself in the battles before the fall of Monterey. He was made provost marshal of Baltimore, colonel and then general. In the battle of Fort Royal he was severely wounded. For his record in the fight he was made a brigadier-general and subsequently he became major-general.

Vessel Blown Up.

An explosion occurred on board a French trading vessel in the harbor at Antwerp. The shock was terrific and many persons believed it to be an earthquake. There were about 20 sailors on board the vessel and it is believed all were instantly killed or met their death by drowning. No bodies, so far, have been recovered. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Brutal Murder at Detroit.

Frederick Zpindin, a poor Polish laborer, of Detroit, was murdered with shocking brutality, such as was never shown before in the commission of crime in that city, and the terribly mutilated body was not discovered for two days. The crime was committed in the old Lutheran cemetery. William Schroeder, the son of Christian Schroeder, the superintendent of the cemetery, and Fred Lambert found the body in a portion of the cemetery used for gardening purposes by the superintendent, who lives nearby in the center of the cemetery. A large number of deep knife cuts were found, mostly about an inch long, all over the face, head and neck, and several fractures of the skull, on the back of the head, the skull being actually crushed in and the fragments of the bones driven into the brain. The fractures must have been produced by a blunt and heavy instrument, and this seems to support the theory that two persons must have committed this foul crime.

Count Murbach has been offered a seat in the German cabinet.

THE MARKETS.

DETROIT.

CATTLE—Good to choice	\$4 25	\$4 75
HOGS	3 50	3 75
SHEEP	3 00	4 25
LAMBS	4 25	5 00
WHEAT—No. 2	95	95
Red Spot, No. 2	92	92
White Spot, No. 1	94	95
CORN—No. 2 spot	43	44
No. 2 yellow	41	44
OATS—No. 2 white	21	25
BARLEY	1 05	1 05
RYE	89	90
HAY—No. 2 per ton	13 00	13 50
POTATOES—Per bu.	25	