

A TERRORIC BLAST.

EXPLOSION OF A FLOUR MILL AT LITCHFIELD, ILLINOIS.

The Planet Mills, One of the Largest Establishments in the World, Blown to Fragments.

The Whole Town Shaken as Though by an Earthquake—The Total Loss is Placed at One Million Dollars.

One Man Killed and Several Other Persons Injured—The Calamity Supposed to Have Been Caused by the Ignition of Flour Dust—St. Louis Experts of a Different Opinion—The Stories of Eye-witnesses of the Explosion.

LITCHFIELD, Ill., March 21.—An explosion resembling an earthquake, and destroying nearly \$1,000,000 worth of property, occurred here this morning. The death of one person and the injury of a number of other people also were the result.

About 3:30 o'clock a. m. an alarm of fire was turned in. Upon investigation it developed that the Litchfield Planet mills, located in the southwestern part of the city, and said to be the largest, if not the largest, single flour-making establishment in the world, were in flames.

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The explosion of the large plate-glass windows in a majority of the stores in the city, shook houses loose from their foundations, and jarred the machinery in the Litchfield car and machine works to such an extent that work had to be suspended.

The mill loss is \$900,000, while the insurance is about \$200,000, and is in some twenty or thirty companies.

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—The great force of the explosion of the Litchfield mill is shown by the fact that the inhabitants of towns many miles from the scene of the calamity were aroused by the vibration, and attributed the rocking sensation to an earthquake.

It is thought that the accident was caused by flour of an inferior grade being carried to the dust room, which made a very combustible material, as the process of manufacturing dynamite is from the dust thus accumulated.

ROME, March 21.—A short time after the explosion last night of a bomb at the Margnoli palace in the suburbs of Rome, another explosion occurred in the city, being the second outrage of the kind within the city proper in less than a week.

been placed within the entrance of the Marquis Sacchetti's residence. The noise of the explosion was heard a great distance. Fortunately the only material damage done was the smashing of many windows in the palace, through the walls in some places there were openings of the explosion.

VISITORS ARE GROWING MORE NUMEROUS. Excursions to North Galveston, Tex., are to be quite the popular thing, lately.

NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—Teddy Bailey, Squire Abington's secretary, says that the story that Jim Hall is tied to Charles Mitchell because the latter's term of prison was served for his act in a false and that Mitchell did to old man Savage was seen by a dozen persons and vastly exaggerated.

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JEALOUSY AND WHISKY. LARAMIE, Wyo., March 21.—This evening about 8 o'clock W. H. Hunter, a butcher, attempted to kill his wife and then killed himself.

A POSTOFFICE ROBBER. MEXICO, Mo., March 21.—The postoffice here was entered last night by burglars. The safe was opened and about \$4,000 in stamps, money and registered letters was stolen.

THE INDIANAPOLIS REUNION. MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 21.—At the national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic it is stated that there is no thought of abandoning Indianapolis as the place of holding the next annual encampment.

A PLEA FOR HARRIS. NEW YORK, March 21.—A petition praying for clemency by Governor Flower in the case of Carlyle W. Harris, has been prepared and will be put in circulation tomorrow.

TURF WINNERS. NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—Winners: Bellefleur, Little Baltic, Edwin Galen, Nixon, Wedgfield.

ASSASSINATED. MOSCOW, March 21.—The mayor of Moscow was shot in the abdomen with a revolver today by a man named Aditsoff.

INDIANA PRESBYTERIANS. INDIANAPOLIS, March 21.—The Indianapolis presbytery has rejected the report of the committee on the revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

KILLED AT A CROSSING. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 21.—O. F. Kimmer of Lima, O., while attempting to cross the Waterloo street railroad crossing struck by a freight train and instantly killed.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE. ST. PAUL, Minn., March 21.—By a vote of 31 to 19 the house passed the senate bill extending full suffrage at all elections in Minnesota to women.

ENGLISH COACH LINES. CHICAGO, March 21.—Richard Graham and Charles Wilson, two English coaching whips, arrived in Chicago today to perfect arrangements for the starting of several coach lines from this city to the fair grounds.

SCHAEFFER'S MISFORTUNE. CHICAGO, March 21.—Jacob Schaeffer's match with George Sisson has probably fallen through by reason of a serious accident which has befallen the Wizard.

WEATHER BULLETIN. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. WICHITA, Kan., March 21, 1893. Forecast for Wichita and vicinity—Rain Wednesday forenoon; clear Wednesday afternoon.

During the past twenty-four hours the highest temperature was 67, the lowest 39, and the mean 53, with partly cloudy weather; fresh east winds and falling barometer.

For the past four years the average temperature for the month of March has been 42° and for the 21st day 46°.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Following is the forecast until 10 p. m. Thursday. For Kansas—Threatening weather and rain, probably severe local storms; southerly wind; colder in southern portion.

PARIS, March 21.—In the assize court today Charles de Lesseps, accused of corrupting ex-Minister of Public Works Baudin to support the Panama lottery bond bill, was found guilty by the jury.

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RHODE ISLAND POLITICS. PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 21.—The Republican convention, in session here today, nominated D. Russell Brown for governor; Edwin R. Allen, for lieutenant governor; and Charles H. Bennett, for secretary of state.

MACKAY SERIOUSLY ILL. SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—John W. Mackay is in a dangerous condition. It is said that he may die within twenty-four hours.

THE RAILWAY OUTLOOK. NEW YORK, March 21.—Chauncey M. Depew, when asked today regarding the general railway situation said: "The railway situation for the spring and summer looks sufficiently encouraging to dispel the gloom which has been hanging over the minds of railroad men."

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A VANISHING GUN.

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