

WRECKED IN A FLASH

FIVE-STORY BUILDING IN CINCINNATI A HEAP OF RUINS.

SEVEN LIVES GO OUT

NEARLY A SCORE OF PERSONS MORE OR LESS INJURED.

GASOLINE DOES ITS DEADLY WORK

WRECKAGE IN UNCOMMONLY BAD SHAPE TO HANDLE.

Unknown Number of Persons Perhaps Dead or Dying, in the Debris—Rescue Work Difficult—List of Victims.

Cincinnati, May 4.—This city and vicinity have been greatly excited tonight over the explosion of a large tank of gasoline, which completely demolished the five-story building at 430 and 432 Walnut street at 8 o'clock tonight. After the explosion the widest reports were current as to the loss of life. Before midnight it was known that six were killed and eighteen injured, but the work of removing the debris has proceeded so slowly that the general estimate of killed and wounded exceeds this number. The building seemed to have collapsed in such a manner that the pile of debris was covered by the tin roof and after working several hours it was found that the only way to rescue the victims was to remove the immense mass of brick and timber. Accordingly workmen were put at it, as many of them as could work on it. The debris was being scooped by one force out into the street and into the rear alley, and all available teams were secured for another force of men to load it up and get it out of the way. This is found to be the only practical means of reaching those who were on the lower floors.

THREE LIVES SAVED.

All those who have been rescued have been on the upper floors, except some who were thrown out into the street.

While this work was going on holes were cut through the foundations of adjacent buildings and debris was taken out. Three lives were saved by persons being rescued in that manner. It is thought that others will be saved by this holes being made in the basement walls of adjacent buildings.

The family of Adolph Drachs suffered most severely. Drachs and his wife are numbered among the dead, his 5-year-old daughter is dying and his 2-year-old daughter is believed to be dying.

Noland David, a traveling man for the Columbia Carriage company of Hamilton, O., and two others, unidentified, complete the list of those known to be dead.

KILLED.

NOLAN A. DAVIT.
ADOLPH DRACHS.
MAMIE KENNEDY.

Mrs. Drachs, foot crushed.

Babe of Mrs. Drachs, limbs crushed.

Emil Drachs, right arm broken, cut over eye.

Barbara Hutzman, domestic for Foy, hurt over the eye.

Sidney W. Johnson, barkeeper for Foy, cut on the back of the head and over the eye.

William H. Cook, right arm smashed, cut over the eye.

Joseph Sprague, colored porter, face and hands badly burned.

W. E. Hunkler, shoulder dislocated.

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Peller Burns, horse dealer; contusion right arm and leg; bad scalp wound.

Charles Pilley, teamster, contusion head and arms.

James McKeen, clerk on Big Sandy street; contusion leg and head, internally injured, will die.

R. A. Fiske, of Norwood.

William Lauth and William Lobelode, are known to be in the ruins and are not likely to be reached alive.

WEDGED TO BE KILLED.

A most touching scene occurred when brother John McCarthy found his brother pinned under a heavy beam and being the men above to kill him. McCarthy said that he saw the two men near them and they were all. The most heroic efforts to liberate these sufferers were made up to midnight.

Human Nolle, Jr., was standing by a barber shop pole in an adjoining building when struck by some debris and suffered a broken leg and other injuries.

There were many that suffered slight injury who were taken to their homes and whose names cannot be learned. Some of those who were in the saloons were thrown out on the sidewalk and suffered slight injuries. Among them Mr. Hasty, of the Alma hotel. He was in Fey's place and reports about eighteen or twenty in that resort when the building went down. Mr. Drachs being among the victims, it is probable that it will never be known how the explosion came about. He had just been down in the basement experimenting with the gasoline engine and had poured a barrel of gasoline into the tank.

Among the guests at the Gibson house across the street were the Boston baseball team.

SCENE OF THE EXPLOSION.

The shock of the explosion was so terrific that it was felt all over the city and not one brick upon another is left in the front and rear walls of the building, while the adjacent buildings are badly damaged and the glass in the windows in the Gibson house and the large Johnson building across the street are all broken. The glass was blown out of street cars that were passing at the time, and one of the cars was badly wrecked, but none of the passengers were seriously hurt. All the horses in the immediate neighborhood broke from their fastenings and ran away, and there was not only intense excitement, but the greatest confusion. The explosion took place four doors from the intersection of Fifth and Walnut streets, where the postoffice is located on one side and Fountain square on the other. No part of the city is crowded more at that time of the evening, and there were even many thousands of people about Fountain square and the space around the government building, while Walnut street was completely blocked. There were at first reports about fireworks being stored in the building, and also about dynamite and ammunition so that there were several stampedes in the immense crowds on the reports about other explosions being likely to follow. Several people were slightly hurt in these stampedes.

BRAVERY ALL GONE

BOULETTE OF MAINE HAS THE LAUGH ON CONGRESS.

Taunts Especially the Senate, Contrasting the Late Thirst for Gore, and Not Particular Whether It's Spanish or English, Just So It's Gore, With the Present Disposition to Get Along Peacefully With Two More New Battleships Instead of Six, or Even Four—Boulette Called to Order—Everything Goes Over.

Washington, D. C., May 4.—The first skirmish over the senate amendment to the naval appropriation bill reducing the number of battleships provided for in that bill from four to two, occurred in the house today, when Mr. Boulette, chairman of the naval committee, moved to amend in all the senate amendments and request a conference of the senate. Mr. Boulette undertook to chastise some of the senators for the inconsistency of the past and the war scares introduced in the senate, and then sarcastically contrasted the war talk of some of the senators with their voting to reduce the number of battleships provided in the bill. Mr. Quay (Rep., N. Y.) called Mr. Boulette to order for criticizing members of the upper house, and was sustained by the chair, after some very lively sparring. Mr. Boulette, however, accomplished his purpose, intended despite the chair's ruling. Subsequently, Mr. Sayers of Texas moved to amend in the senate amendment reducing the number of battleships but by consent the matter was postponed until tomorrow, when it is likely that the whole question of large appropriations at this time for strengthening the navy will be reopened and ventilated.

Quite a number of bills were passed during the day, mostly of minor importance. Among them were bills for the protection of yacht owners and shipbuilders to create a new division of the Eastern judicial district of Texas; to pension General Joseph R. West at the rate of \$50 per month, and to authorize South Dakota to select the Fort Sully military reservation as part of the lands granted to that state.

MR. BOULETTE BEGINS.

When Mr. Boulette rose to move that the house non-concur in the senate amendments to the naval appropriation and request a conference, he proceeded in connection with his motion, to call attention to the fact that the bill reducing the number of battleships provided for in the bill from four to two. He characterized the senate's action as a remarkable change of front. He referred to the protest when four battleships were provided for in the bill, the public mind had been greatly inflamed and excited by war and rumor of war. The senate, he argued, had contributed largely to this state of the public mind. He referred to the war-like message of the president with reference to Venezuela and the precipitate action of the house and senate.

FOR THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Strikes of Considerable Proportions in Kansas City and Boston.

Kansas City, Mo., May 4.—Nearly 400 Union plumbers and gas and steam fitters went on a strike this morning for eight hours work and nine hours pay.

Boston, Mass., May 4.—Over 100 hoisting and portable engineers connected with the building trades of this city, went on strike today for an eight-hour day.

OLNEY TAKES ADVANCED GROUNDS

Right of Asylum, as Interpreted to Bear Upon a Case in Ecuador.

Washington, May 4.—The state department has taken an advanced position regarding the right of asylum, as is exhibited in the correspondence between the department and United States minister Tillman, respecting the case of the fugitive of an officer of the overthrown government of Ecuador last September. While approving the course of the minister, Secretary Olney took the ground that, although asylum might be afforded in the case of a member of the overthrown titular government while chaos reigns and until the empire of the law is restored, when the authority of the state is re-established on an orderly footing, no displacement of its power under the mistaken notion of extra-territoriality can be countenanced in the present representatives of this government. In this the members of the cabinet are therefore plain advocates of an equally with unsuccessful revolutionists, who cannot find in the United States legations an asylum against the operations of the local law.

DROPS FROM THE THIRD STORY

Alcoholic Phantoms Prove the Death of Samuel L. Bissell at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., May 4.—While agitated by alcoholic phantoms Samuel L. Bissell, a well known commercial traveler, dropped from the third-story window of the Planters' hotel yesterday evening, receiving fatal injuries.

New York, May 4.—News of the death of Samuel Bissell, a traveling salesman for H. B. Claffin Co., was taken to the company's office today. One of the officials of the company said: "I have known Bissell nearly eight years, during which time he has gone on the road for me in the eastern states, and I can say it is more than probable that he had taken an overdose of some medicine."

FARMER REED FOUND GUILTY

Murder in the Second Degree and Imprisonment for Life.

Platt City, Mo., May 4.—Walt Reed this morning was found guilty of murder in the second degree and the jury recommended a sentence of life imprisonment. It has been one of the hottest contested cases ever tried in this county.

Walt Reed and Newton Winn, principal actors in the case, were involved in a hog snuff. During the trial of that case, John Cross, attorney for Reed, made some cutting remarks about Winn's son, who jumped up and caught Cross by the shoulder. During the scuffle that followed, Reed fired three shots at Winn, causing wounds from which he died a few hours later. Reed had money and the lawyers sought every inch of the ground.

REPORTS ARE MADE

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NEWPORT NEWS MACHINISTS OUT

They Object to a Beautiful Scheme to Keep Their Own.

Newport News, Va., May 4.—Nearly 1,000 men employed as machinists, boiler-makers and blacksmiths at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company went on strike today, owing to dissatisfaction with a new time keeping system inaugurated there this morning. This system is called the "time clock" and under it each worker has a key and registers his own time. The strikers claim that they lose much time through having to wait in turn to register. If an agreement is not reached by noon, the strikers will walk out. Though the streets were crowded there was no disturbance tonight.

NEWARK CARPENTERS AND MASONS Increase Pay Demanded, and Obtained

Newark, N. J., May 4.—About 1,500 carpenters in this city went on a strike today for an increase of pay to \$2.75 a day. The bosses want to pay only 25 cents an hour for ten hours work. It is also expected that the carpenters will join the masons in other branches of trade for sympathy and, if necessary, to join in the strike. About 300 masons laboring also went on strike today for an increase of 2 cents an hour, or 15 cents. They soon gained their point and went back to work.

STUCK BY THE LIGHTNING

Family of C. M. Cooke at Fort Scott Shocked and His House Wrecked.

Fort Scott, Kan., May 4.—A heavy rain visited this corner of Kansas last night and considerable damage was done by lightning. The residence of C. M. Cooke in this city was struck while the family were at supper and one son's hair was burned off. The house was almost wrecked. The electric street railway power house was disabled that the entire system was compelled to suspend operations until noon today.

SCHOOL TEACHING WAS TOO SLOW

Owen Melton, Formerly of Kansas, is a Prisoner in Spanish Hands.

Chicago, Ill., May 4.—Owen Melton, one of the crew of the filibustering schooner, captured by the Spanish, and who is likely to be shot within forty-eight hours unless Consul General Williams intercedes, is only 21 years old. His home is in a small town in Kansas, several miles from any railway station and his parents are not yet acquainted with his son's whereabouts and danger. C. N. Taylor of this city, who has just returned from Key West, says he knew Melton, who he added lived in Kansas. Melton had told him the name of his former town, but he had forgotten it. Melton did not like the idea of school-teaching and started for the south with a view to helping the insurgents.

FRIENDLY RECEIVERS NAMED

Creditors of an Investment Company Deal Gently but Firmly at Topeka.

Topeka, Kan., May 4.—Judge C. C. Foster of the United States district court has appointed C. O. Knowles, P. G. Noel and Bennett R. Wheeler receivers for the Investment and Trust Company of America, doing business in this city. The concern was a large dealer in investment bonds and amount of its directors were William Lloyd Garrison of Boston and half a dozen other New England capitalists. Garrison is in the city, sick at the hotel hospital.

THE WEATHER.

Wichita, Kan., May 4.

Local forecast for Wichita and vicinity: Fair, breezy, stationary temperature.

From the West 24 hours: The highest temperature was 81, the lowest 58, and the mean 70, with a very mild thunderstorm and a lack of rain in the morning fresh southeast to south winds and stationary pressure.

From the East 24 hours: The highest temperature has been 82.

The past seven years the average temperature at the month of May has been 70 and for the 25th day 72.

PHILIP H. BOYER, Cleveland, Ohio, is the forecast to 10:30 p. m. Tuesday: Fair, with light fair, southerly winds, increasing in force.

For Oklahoma and Indian Territory: Fair, with light fair, southerly winds, increasing in force.

For Colorado—Generally fair, cooler in northern portions, winds shifting to westerly.

STREET CAR MEN ARE UP

Ten Lines in Milwaukee Tied Up and the Strike Likely to Spread.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 4.—Nine hundred employees of the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light company struck last night, the cars being run into the barns at midnight. They demand an increase of pay, recognition of the employees' organization and several minor concessions. A number of men were brought from other cities to take the strike, only half a dozen cars were running this morning. The police guard the barns and the strikers were organized into companies which are stationed at the car houses and power plant and communication is kept up with headquarters.

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REPORTS SUBMITTED.

No sooner had the communication been offered than Kynett, chairman of the committee on eligibility, submitted the majority report of the committee. It briefly announced that committee had decided that the women were entitled to seats in the convention, but that the delegates arose to defend the report but there was a universal demand for the minority report. It found that the challenge of the eligibility of the women whose names appear on the roll of the general conference is sustained and that to seat the claimants would tend to destroy all respect for the constitution of the church and for the decisions and interpretations of the general conference.

STONE MAKES IT TWENTY

Wife Murderer Punished by Death Sentence Changed to His Original Sentence.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 4.—Governor Stone, this afternoon commuted the sentence of Thomas Punshon, sentenced to hang next Thursday, to twenty years in the penitentiary. Punshon was convicted on circumstantial evidence of having killed his wife. At his first trial he was given twenty years in the penitentiary, but appealed the case being granted a new trial by the supreme court. He was sentenced to hang at the second trial and the governor has interfered as stated.

BLACKWELL BANK CASE THROTTLED

Persons Charged as Directors Succeed in Proving the Contrary.

Newark, O. T., May 4.—(Special.)—The probate court was engaged the past week in the trial of the directors of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Blackwell, which went into voluntary liquidation last October. Great interest has been manifested by the citizens of Blackwell for the reason that several prominent business men there were charged with being directors, and under the laws of the territory, directors are liable for losses by depositors after a new trial by the supreme court. The case was sent to the probate court and the governor has interfered as stated.

Santa Fe Leaves Wichita County.

Leoti, Kan., May 4.—The Great Bend extension of the Santa Fe, from Great Bend to Leoti, has been shut down. The citizens insist that by so doing the company has broken faith with them. Wichita county voted bonds in aid of the road.

Headless Body Identified.

Hays City, Kan., May 4.—The headless body of a man, found twelve miles northeast of here Thursday, proves to be that of John Kraus, who had been working at Walker, Kan. He was 45 years of age. It is probably a case of murder.

Horses Stolen Near Newark.

Newark, O. T., May 4.—(Special.)—Colonel Burnett and C. E. Harper of Ponca City had two valuable horses stolen out of their pastures east of the city Friday night. The thieves were tracked to the state line and officers are in hot pursuit. It is thought that it is the work of a gang of thieves who make headquarters at El Dorado.

Bill Dyzart Gets Damages.

Stillwater, O. T., May 4.—The celebrated case against Bill Dyzart has been decided after five years of fighting. Dyzart was arrested at Perkins for selling liquor without license and his liquor was confiscated by deputy marshals. Dyzart sued for and now has been awarded \$175 damages against Deputy United States Marshal Joseph Tilney, who led the raid.

New Yorker Divorced at Ferry.

Ferry, O. T., May 4.—James G. McClellan of Traversburg, N. Y., a well known bank accountant, was divorced here today from Mrs. Bessie McClellan, on the grounds of abandonment.

Land Office Has Laid Off.

Washington, May 4.—Twenty special agents of the general land office were today ordered suspended from May 16 to June 30, inclusive, on account of an inadequate appropriation for the current fiscal year.

CHINESE LABORERS IN BOND

Shipped Like so Many Bales of Goods Across the Continent to Cuba.

Ogden, Utah, May 4.—Four car loads of Chinese laborers packed through here today on their way to Havana. They are "in bond" and traveling under the auspices of the Chinese Six companies, which have contracted to send them to Havana to work on the sugar plantations owned by the Chinese. They will go to Havana via Denver and New Orleans.

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Repeal Congressional District Split in Restrained Disagreement.

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SHIPPERS MUST PAY

CHICAGO SWITCHING CHARGE SUSTAINED IN COURT.

TWO DOLLARS A CAR

CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS REVERSES JUDGE GROSSCUP.

YARDS DECLARED INDEPENDENT

NOT TO BE CONSIDERED STATIONS OF THE ROADS.

How Suit Was Brought by Wilson T. Keenan and Thirty-Seven Other Shippers and What the Parties Claimed.

Chicago, May 4.—The \$2 switching charge at the stock yards in this city has been restored to the Santa Fe road, whose receivers were enjoined by Judge Grosscup of the federal court from collecting it. The right to charge was affirmed today by the United States circuit court of appeals. Judge Showalter handed down the decision of the bench. The yards are declared to be independent of the railroads and are not to be considered as freight stations of the roads that connect with them.

The suit brought by Wilson T. Keenan, and thirty-seven other shippers followed him with intervening petitions. He shipped four car loads of cattle to Chicago from Kansas City. He paid the yards' switching charges under protest and then applied to the court for an injunction. He set up the plea that his yardbill called for the delivery of the cattle at the published and agreed rate of the Chicago station of the railroad. He asserted that there was no station for cattle on the line at the Santa Fe other than the stock yards. The yard claimed the yards were not a station.

REORGANIZATION MATTERS.

Portland, Ore., May 4.—Herbert L. Turner, counsel for the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, complainant in the foreclosure proceedings against the Northern Pacific Railroad company, yesterday filed a petition for reorganization of the company. The plan of reorganization, arrived here today. Mr. Turner made to United States Circuit Judge Gilbert an application for an ancillary decree confirming the order for the sale of lands, exactly in the form prepared by the reorganization managers. The application will be made to Judge Deady for Idaho.

Washington, May 4.—The house committee on Pacific railroads decided to make a favorable report to the house on the senate bill to confer the charter rights of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad on the purchasers of the property. This will permit the reorganization of the company.

FAULT FOUND WITH WEIGHTS

Federal Grand Jury of Kansas City Indicts a Prominent Shipper.

Kansas City, May 4.—Considerable surprise was caused among local shippers today by the indictment returned by the federal grand jury, which was discharged Saturday, had indicted John H. Watkins, formerly vice president and superintendent of the Indian River Milling company, for violation of the interstate commerce law. Watkins was arrested, but released upon furnishing a \$1,000 bond.

The section of the law under which Watkins was indicted was the one which applies to the reporting of sales weights by shippers. Watkins' arrest is due to information furnished the grand jury by George L. Carman, secretary of the Western Weighing association at Chicago.

Other shippers are said to rest uneasy under the belief that three other indictments returned by the same grand jury also charge improper weighing. Watkins, who is prominent, said to be a local reporter today: "I'm letting the 'bump' for this business when I have nothing more to do with than you have. But you can just bet that if they do anything with me, there'll be a whole lot of others going down at the same time."

GOLD SHIPMENTS TO EUROPE

Over Two Millions to Go to Germany and Thence to Russia.

New York, May 4.—Heddenbach, Imboden & Co., export to ship \$2,000,000 in gold bars by tomorrow's German steamer, Baring, Magdon & Co. have ordered \$500,000 of the sub-treasury.

Heddenbach, Imboden & Co.'s engagement of gold at the sub-treasury is for \$2,000,000. This makes the total thus far engaged for shipment \$2,500,000. All of this gold goes to Germany and is expected to be trans-shipped to Russia. It is all mostly in gold bars, and is being shipped to be deposited at the sub-treasury in each case. Indications point to further shipments this week by Russia amount of from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

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