

MURDEROUS FIREBUGS.

Attempt to Burn a Schoolhouse at San Bernardino.

THE SUPERINTENDENT NARROWLY ESCAPES BEING SHOT.

A Salt Lake Police Captain Shot Dead by a Fellow-Officer—Joe Acton Defeats Bob Fitzsimmons in a Wrestling Match—Thanksgiving Day Sports at Grass Valley—A Utah Mine Deluged With Water—Racing Events at Santa Rosa.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN BERNARDINO, Nov. 27.—At 7:15 o'clock last evening shots were heard at the city schoolhouse, on Fifth street, and a minute later the school bell was rung vigorously, believing this to be the signal for a fire, some one turned on the fire alarm and soon the fire department and a crowd of citizens had surrounded the school building, when it was learned that Prof. Alexander E. Frye, Superintendent of the City Schools, had visited the school building to do some work, as was his custom. On going into the building he saw a light upstairs, and running up hastily he found a man on the stairs, who was taking effect in the fire and ran up the stairs leading to the balcony on fire. He also saw a man, with whom he grappled and downed. Another man then pulled him off and kicked him in the small of his back. The man who was down then fired four shots at Frye, one taking effect in the right arm, which is a strong, athletic man, finding two riflemen to attend to, backed out and the villains escaped. Frye then turned the water from the hose on the fire and rang the bell. The fire was out before the fire department arrived. Frye's wound is only slight.

Had the crowd caught the two firebugs last night they would have been disposed of without expense to the county. During the past year the county has had three men burned, and this makes another unsuccessful attempt on two more.

INCENDIARY FIRES IN OREGON.

BAKER CITY (Or.), Nov. 27.—Numerous incendiary fires occurred in this city and county late in the evening, two barns five miles apart, belonging to Leonard Low, on Burnt River, were burned, together with a lot of hay. Loss, \$3,700. Threats of catching the guilty parties, if caught, are made.

DURST EXPLAINS.

He Tells Why Reductions Were Made in the Assessment Roll.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—Regarding the change in the city and county assessments have been illegally reduced, City Attorney Durst said today that he furnished the Grand Jury some days ago with a statement in which he set forth that the power heretofore exercised had not been that of reassessment, or, in other words, that of a Board of Equalization, but that of correcting errors and striking off assessments that were absolutely illegal.

In the matter of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, Mr. Durst says: "The California Safe Deposit and Trust Company was reduced from \$20,000 to \$5,000, the same as last year. The error was in making the assessment of \$20,000, instead of \$5,000. The application should have called for a reduction to \$5,000. They were assessed last year at \$5,000. Mr. Durst raised the assessment to \$20,000. They went before the County Board of Equalization to have the assessment reduced. The Deputy Assessor orally stated, as a suggestion, that in the assessment in the case of the Safe Deposit Company was of a franchise only. That assessment was reduced by the Board of Equalization, and the reduction was not made on the roll."

GRASS VALLEY ITEMS.

Thanksgiving Day Celebrated With a Number of Sporting Events.

GRASS VALLEY, Nov. 27.—The Grass Valley Jockey Club had races, coursing matches and a tug-of-war contest yesterday at the Watt Park half-mile track. A large number of greyhounds were let loose in the coursing, but the rabbits were not very game. Thomas Rodda's Queequey won the first prize.

The tug-of-war contest between teams from the Omaha mine and Empire mine was very exciting, and was won by the Omahas in fifty-one minutes and ten seconds. There were a number of trotting and running races, but no remarkable event. Today the tug-of-war sports continued, and the Omaha mine team won a contest from the W. U. O. D. mine team. The contest was exciting and the betting very heavy. Over one thousand people attended yesterday's sports at Watt Park.

The Miners' Convention meets to-morrow at Auburn, where it will call a Miners' State Convention to meet in San Francisco at an early day.

FLOODED WITH WATER.

An Immense Vein Flowing Through a Utah Mine.

SALT LAKE, Nov. 27.—The drain tunnel in the Omaha mine cut into a large water vein, and the water came forth in an immense volume carrying all before it. Large timbers were carried to the mouth of the tunnel, and a twenty-inch pipe was completely washed out. The tunnel, to the length of 2,000 feet, is under water from six to twelve inches deep. In the engine-house the fly-wheel, pistons of the engine and the compressor are filled, and operations are completely blocked. Ten thousand gallons are flowing per minute. Operations will not be resumed under ten days.

THE "LITTLE DEMON" WON.

Joe Acton Defeats Fitzsimmons in a Wrestling Match.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—Joe Acton, the "Little Demon," defeated Bob Fitzsimmons, a champion middle-weight pugilist, in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match at the Occidental Club to-night for a \$1,000 purse. Fitzsimmons weighed 148 pounds, while Acton's weight was in the neighborhood of 135. Harry Corbin refereed the match, while Sam Fitzpatrick acted as timekeeper.

Acton opened with a neck hold, and the two went to the floor, Acton bridging. He worked loose and tried to roll Fitzsimmons over, the latter cleverly keeping his shoulders up. After a number of changes Fitzsimmons got the upper hand, and turning Acton on his left side lifted him and placed him fairly on his back. The time of the bout was eleven minutes and forty seconds.

Acton got Fitzsimmons on his side in

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

Annual Report of General Superintendent White.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.

President Harrison Devoting His Time to the Preparation of His Message to Congress—Secretary Foster's Health Slowly Improving—Snow and Rain Falling Over a Large Portion of the East.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The annual report of General Superintendent White of the Railway Mail Service shows that at the close of the fiscal year mails were carried on 159,518 miles of railroad in the United States. Postal clerks were employed on 140,730 miles; the service on the remainder was performed by closed pouches. The total number of cases under the control of the department was 2,891. At the close of the fiscal year there were 1,088 railway postoffices, and 37 steamship lines in operation, on which 5,565 clerks were employed. During the year 4,728 miles of new service were added. The record of annual mileage for clerks shows an increase of 6,713,837 miles, or 5 per cent., in distance traveled in the performance of duty, and 68,814,402 pieces handled, or 68.9 per cent. in quantity of matter distributed.

Mr. White recommends a law for the retirement of all permanent railway postal clerks on third or half pay who have become incapacitated for further service by reason of age or injuries received in the discharge of duty, etc., the fund to be created by withholding a sum equal to one per cent. of the total per annum of the salary of each clerk.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Lighthouse Board's Report Nearly Ready for Distribution.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The report of the Lighthouse Board, heretofore published in these dispatches, is being printed and will soon be ready for distribution on the Pacific Coast. Congress is expected to make these principal appropriations for the coast in accordance with the board's recommendations: Fog bell on Dead Man's Island, \$5,000; for light and fog signals at Point Arguello, twelve miles north of San Francisco, \$15,000; for buildings, light-house and fog signal at Point Buchon, \$35,000; for the purchase of a strip of land at Point Pinos, for the entrance to the harbor, \$2,000; for light and fog signals at the neighboring points, entrance to the San Joaquin River, \$10,000; fog signal for Bodega Head, \$30,000; light and fog signal at Punta Gorda, \$40,000; for Yakima Bay (Oregon), \$25,000; establishment of first-order light at North Head, \$50,000; for light four miles north of Point Pinos, \$10,000; for light and fog signal at Cape Flattery, West Island, \$17,000; thirty buoys along the coast, \$100,000; of the Snohomish, Skagit and other tributary channels, \$10,000; light-house and fog signal on the Alaskan coast, \$80,000.

California pensions: Elisha S. Hudson, Richard H. McCall, Conrad Roth, John Guelly, Charles F. Deane, John Myers, Jacob White, Frederick Lindner, Lewis Kirtland, James S. Kline, Drury Shoemaker, Eugene S. Lockwood, Charles Atwater, George W. Deane, F. Reid, Andrew J. Comford, Milo Greer, Henry W. Barrell, Sebastian Marck, Henry Bull, Mary A. E. Hawkins.

The postoffice at Nevada County, Cal., has been discontinued.

California Postmasters were appointed to-day as follows: Elishore, San Diego County; L. B. Beck, vice A. J. Hunt, reigned; Hart, Shasta County; R. G. Hart, vice M. Stevens, resigned; Milpitas, Santa Clara County; E. Topham, vice L. N. Hobbs, resigned.

Two Families Narrowly Escape Death.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 27.—A lead in a natural gas pipe on the South side of the city caused the asphyxiation of two families, Herrmann and Albert Vogt, brothers, live in the same house, in the rear of a factory. Herrmann has a wife and two children, and Albert a wife and five children. Early this morning the watchman noticed an odor of escaping gas, and traced it to the Vogt house. Entering, he found the inmates unconscious. Help was summoned, and the gas was shut off. Work all were out of danger save Herrmann Vogt and his 11-month child, who will probably both die.

The Slugging Was Terrific.

OMAHA, Nov. 27.—Dick Moore, the St. Paul water-weight, was knocked out in the tenth round by Tim Noland of Omaha to-night. The fight was for \$250 a side and gate receipts of two ounces gloves. The slugging was terrific, and Moore was badly cut and bled freely. In the fifth round Noland was almost knocked out, but from that on gained strength, driving Moore all around the ring, and right-handed in the tenth round knocked Moore out, ending one of the bloodiest and fiercest battles ever seen in this city.

Appointment of a Receiver Asked.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—A bill was filed in the Circuit Court to-day by M. N. Lamb, Sarah A., Edith, and Virginia Copeland of Washington, D. C., asking the appointment of a receiver for the American Mining and Smelting Company, an Illinois corporation owning three silver mines in Leadville, Colorado, on which it has expended nearly half a million dollars. Complainers assert that in October, 1889, they owned \$221,000 stock, and that by fraudulent manipulations Daniel P. Ellis and C. A. Otis deprived them of their rights.

Hangman's Day.

MARY (La.), Nov. 27.—George Moxey, convict, a rapist, was taken from jail last night by a mob and hanged to a tree.

Maxwell (La.), Nov. 27.—James Simmonds and Frank Garrett were hung here to-day for the murder of a unknown white man near Gloster last spring. Both were laughing and talking cheerfully up to the time the caps were placed on them.

MIDLAND (Tex.), Nov. 27.—Lorenzo Perez was hanged here to-day for the murder of a ranchman.

Prize-Fight in Alabama.

BIRMINGHAM (Ala.), Nov. 27.—In a glove-fight to a finish here last night, for the benefit of the Alabama Athletic Club, Eugene McElroy of Birmingham, knocked out Frank Fitzsimmons of Cincinnati in the third round.

Converts to Mormonism.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—A special from North Branch, Mich., says a Mormon elder by the name of Taylor is converting the people of Millis, a small lumber town near here, by the score, and an exodus of the population is in progress. Farmers

are among the enthusiasts who announce their determination to return to Salt Lake City. The people affected are mostly quite poor, and the vivid descriptions of wealth and luxury by the Mormon have had their effect, as well as the promise of spiritual salvation.

Chicago Cases.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Cash Sloan was riding off the Garfield Track to-day for riled Bankrupt to lose.

Five furlongs, Profligate won, Receiver second, Diamond Dick third. Time, 1:06.

One mile, Highland won, Bankrupt second, N. C. England third. Time, 1:51.

Five furlongs, Katurah won, Dolly Nobles second, Queen Isabella third. Time, 1:02.

Midens, half mile, Prince William won, Bazelle second, Sea Foam third. Time, 0:52.

Weather in the East.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The storms last night of the Atlantic Coast and over Lake Huron joined as a single deep storm over Maine. A decided storm moved from Montana and was developed over Iowa. Snow or rain is falling in North and New England, thence to Ohio and the Missouri valleys and northward. Continued unsettled weather may be expected to prevail while this storm is moving over the lakes and down the St. Lawrence.

The President and His Message.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The usual Friday afternoon Cabinet meeting was omitted to-day in order that the President might devote the entire day to the preparation of his message to Congress.

Secretary Foster's Health.

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Death of Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, wife of the head of the great banking firm of Drexel & Co., died this morning at her country house, Runnymede, Delta County.

St. Louis Wants a Convention.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 27.—Steps are being taken by all the commercial exchanges and business men generally to bring the Democratic National Convention to St. Louis.

GERMAN AFFAIRS.

CHANCELLOR VON CAPRIVI DENIES THAT HE IS TO RESIGN.

No Need for Uneasiness That the Peace of Europe is to be Disturbed.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—Chancellor Von Caprivi's presence at the session of the Reichstag this morning, and in a speech referred to the rumors that he intended to resign as ridiculous. Von Caprivi refuted the reproaches uttered against the Government on account of the so-called vacillating policy. The Kaiser's journey to Russia established a friendly intercourse between the two monarchs, but no political matters were discussed between them.

The press indulged in too much trumpeting in regard to the visit of the French fleet to Cronstadt, which engendered on the other side a wish for more drumming to \$250,000, to be postponed, making it possible to open the canal in 1892. The committee believes that the available resources will more than suffice to complete the work.

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SUSPENDED IN THE AIR.

Treatment Meted Out to a Tyrannical Army Officer.

STRUNG UP BY THE NECK AND LEFT TO DIE.

News of the Massacre of Belgian Missionaries Causes Consternation at Brussels—Many Lives Lost Through the Plunging of a Railroad Train Into a Frozen River in Russia—A Man Sentenced to Penal Servitude Suicides in a Courtroom.

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LONDON, Nov. 27.—There was much excitement at the Horse Guards to-day upon receipt of intelligence from Aldershot, where is situated a great military camp and barracks, that the spirit of murderous insubordination is prevalent in the regiments stationed at that place. It is believed this affair is not due to any feeling against the army regulations or the rations served, but is entirely the result of the feeling entertained by the privates of the second battalion of the Prince of Wales' Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians) against a corporal who had taken advantage of the little authority entrusted him to make life as unpleasant as possible for those placed under him.

By his petty tyrannies the corporal has rendered himself obnoxious to the men, who made complaints to the higher officers, which were not noticed.

So bitterly angry did the privates become against the Corporal that they concluded the only way to avenge themselves was to kill him. When the Corporal was going his rounds he was seized by the men. He attempted to call for assistance, but his cries were speedily silenced by a gag. Desperate struggles he was dragged to a convenient spot, a noose was thrown around his neck and he was soon suspended in the air. The end of the rope was secured to the self-appointed executioners' camp.

Fortunately, the Corporal had been hanging for only a short time when a Sergeant discovered him and cut the rope. The Corporal was almost dead, and it required the most strenuous efforts on the part of the surgeon and his assistants to resuscitate him. It is believed it will be some time before he can resume his duties. In any event, it is thought he has been taught a lesson. The military authorities are making strenuous efforts to find out the perpetrators, but thus far they have been unable to discover who they are.

MANCHESTER CANAL.

Prospects of Its Opening Some Time During 1893.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The report of the majority of the committee appointed to examine the estimates of the Manchester Canal Company states that the October estimates of expenses show a great increase over the estimates as originally submitted in January. The committee reaches the conclusion that a large amount of the work covered by the October estimate was not needed. In order to open the canal at a reasonable cost the committee advises that proposed work amounting to \$250,000 be postponed, making it possible to open the canal in 1892.

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THE LOST RECOVERED.

Happiness Again Reigns in Banker Beals' Household.

HIS ABDUCTED CHILD RETURNED TO ITS PARENTS.

A Reward of Five Thousand Dollars Brings About the Desired Effect—Two Men Killed by the Explosion of a Locomotive on the Cleveland and Columbus Railroad—A New York Optum Smuggler Indicted.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 27.—The household of David T. Beals, a banker, which was turned into an abode of grief yesterday by the abduction of his two-year-old son, was to-night transformed into one of gladness, the child being recovered. This afternoon Mr. Beals offered a reward of \$5,000 for the return of the child and no questions asked. All day to-day the police worked every possible avenue, but could find no clew, and the parents were nearly prostrated, neither having taking any rest since it disappeared.

To-night a man presented himself at the mansion. He was dressed like a day laborer, and wore a hat with a wide brim. When Beals came to the door the man told him he was a detective; that he had found the abductress, Lizzie Smith, or King, and her accomplices; that they demanded \$20,000 ransom, and he was prepared to deliver the child for that amount. Beals desired that the man be taken, and stuck to the original offer of \$5,000.

After much parleying it was finally agreed that the detective would deliver the child for \$5,000 in bank notes. The child was taken to the police station, where it was ascertained that he had pledged his honor that the man should not be arrested while en route in carrying out his part of the contract, and that he would not be taken to the original offer of \$5,000.

At 10 o'clock to-night the man returned with the child, and handed it over upon receipt of \$5,000 in bank notes. The child was sleeping soundly, and the joy of the parents knew no bounds. When a representative of the Associated Press arrived at the house, the child was awake and in the arms of his mother, who and the mother stood by fondly watching him. The child, when asked who carried him away, said that he knew father, mother and mother's name, but that he did not know her name. Mrs. King, the abductress, was arrested about midnight, but refused to talk. She had been in the house, but she was not having answered an address, and a week waitress, giving the name of Lizzie Smith. From talk with other servants it is gathered that she had been in a certain Western city, having come originally from Illinois.

The police to-day learned that she had been living in a cottage on the corner of Albert King in a cottage on the corner of the city. She passed as man and wife and another man lived with them. They furnished the cottage, a shirt and a pair of trousers, and the man who furnished it on the installment plan. It was through the notes that they were traced.

King has not yet been found. No doubt he is an accomplice of the woman in the abduction plot, perhaps the original offer of \$5,000. It is not known if the man, who the police found, had anything to do with it or not.

Late to-night it was learned that the police caught the woman in a house in Park Avenue. She said she went on the veranda Thursday evening to get a paper, when two men rushed up, thrust a revolver in her face, and ordered her to get the baby. She said she did not know the baby, but she carried her to a carriage, drove her about for some time, and then returned to her home. The police declare that she had recently been in Denver, and King, who passed for her husband, was released from the penitentiary in Colorado. She had been in Denver's police for both are well-known crooks.