

DIABOLICAL CONSPIRACY.

An Organized Gang of Incendiaries Run Down in St. Paul.

BURNED HOUSES FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THE INSURANCE.

Reign of Terror at the Coal Mines at Oliver Springs, Tenn., on Account of a Strike—Cyrus W. Field Very Low—His Death Looked For at Any Hour—Edward M. Field Attempts to End His Own Life.

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ST. PAUL, Dec. 1.—One of the most diabolical conspiracies ever concocted was made public here to-night, by the arrest of two members of a gang of incendiaries who for over a year have made a regular business of firing houses and stores for the purpose of securing a percentage of the insurance money.

PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Arrangements for the Trip to California in January.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The Governing Board of the International League of Press Clubs held a meeting to-day at the Imperial Hotel to complete arrangements for the League's annual convention at San Francisco on January 14th.

Letters were received from a number of prominent journalists advising the Governor of the intention to attend the convention. General Felix Augustus of Baltimore, Marshall Willard, Eugene Field, W. K. G. Arkel, Kate Field, Colonel Taylor of Boston, and George and George Childs expect to go.

THE FIELD FAILURE.

Possibility that the Creditors May Receive Some Returns.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The Tribune says in regard to the failure of Field, Lindley, Weichers & Co. that it has been ascertained the firm had \$300,000 or more invested in a project for the consolidation of all the large sugar plantations in Cuba into one corporation.

YOUNG FIRM ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Edward M. Field, who wrecked the firm of Field, Lindley, Weichers & Co. who has stripped his father, Cyrus W. Field, of all his possessions, house and lands and securities, and upon whose life there is an insurance of \$300,000, attempted to kill himself in the papers on which he was committed to the Warren House at Mount Vernon as a dangerous madman.

CYRUS W. FIELD VERY LOW.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Dr. Fuller said this morning: "Cyrus W. Field's general condition has not improved during the night."

BABLY WRECKED.

CRAWFORDSVILLE (Ind.), Dec. 1.—A costly collision occurred this morning just north from here, on the Monon road, through freight from the South collided with the local on the North on a high embankment, totally demolishing both the large engines and about twelve cars loaded with merchandise and hogs.

FIRE RECORD.

The Children's Department of a Convent Burned.

NEW-BURY (N. Y.), Dec. 1.—The large four-story building known as the children's department of the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy was burned early this morning. All of the children were rescued, but many lost their clothes.

INCENDIARY FIRES.

BUTLAND (Vt.), Dec. 1.—In Castleton, about the usual time from here, six incendiary fires have occurred within six days, and in consequence the people there are in a state of terror.

Low Water at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—The light rainfall of the past four seasons has caused an unusually low stage of water in the whole chain of the great lakes.

Collision in New York.

TARRYTOWN (N. Y.), Dec. 1.—At 7 o'clock to-night the Chicago express, which leaves New York at 6 A. M., came along at thundering speed and crashed into the Croton local, standing on a track in front of the station at this place.

Chicago Races.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—One mile, Tudor won; Haskell second, Fred Knox third. Time, 1:42.

Reign of Terror.

KNOXVILLE (Tenn.), Dec. 1.—The mines at Oliver Springs are now idle, because the white miners have struck. The cause of the strike was the issuance of warrants for ten of them for participation in the outrage against the colored miners, who were driven from their homes by white men.

WORLD'S FAIR.

The California Commission Holds an Important Meeting.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—The first meeting of any importance that has been held by the California World's Fair Commission since its meeting in Chicago last June took place to-day.

CLAMOR FOR OFFICE.

The Struggle for the Speakership and Other Places.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The Speakership contest is increasing in liveliness and interest each day, and this morning there was a great accession to the list of members in town.

STEAMER BURNED.

The Eastern Oregon Destroyed by Fire at Olympia.

OLYMPIA (Wash.), Dec. 1.—The steamship Eastern Oregon arrived here this morning and went on the drydock. Soon afterwards she was destroyed by a fire of an unusual character.

TRANSFER COMBINE.

A New Organization of Companies West of the Missouri.

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—A convention of the leading transfer companies west of the Missouri River was held in this city to-day for the purpose of fixing a uniform schedule of rates for the transfer of freight, passengers and baggage, and to secure promptness of delivery.

BREAD DOUBLED IN PRICE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 1.—The price of the black bread has doubled within the week. It is reported that the reduction of bread rations among the troops has caused intense discontent, bread being the chief article of diet of the soldiers.

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Commodore Wilson's Report on the Condition of the Navy.

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A LONDON SCANDAL.

Suit Which Has Excited Comment in English Aristocratic Life.

COUNTESS RUSSELL SEEKS A DIVORCE FROM EARL RUSSELL.

When asked if she meant to make any imputation on her extravagance, she asked Roberts, witness replied: "Yes." This answer was given with a snap and vim which created a sensation.

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OUTRAGES IN CHINA.

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PRELIMINARY POSTOFFICES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The annual report of the First Assistant Postmaster-General shows that the adjustment of Presidential Postmasters' salaries makes \$750,000 more available for other purposes.

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