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DASTARDLY DEED.

Attempt Made to Take the Life of Russell Sage.

DYNAMITE BOMB THROWN INTO HIS OFFICE.

The Financier Narrowly Escapes with His Life—The Bomb-Thrower Literally Torn to Pieces—One of the Office Clerks Blown Through a Window and Fatally Injured—Motive of the Deed.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Russell Sage, the millionaire broker, escaped death by a miracle to-day, his office and the entire Empire Building, in which it was, being shaken to the very foundation by the explosion of a dynamite bomb hurled by a crank, who made a demand upon Sage for the immediate payment of $1,250,000, the ultimatum being, in case of refusal, the death of the millionaire, the crank himself and those employed in the office. Never in the history of the metropolis is it probable that an event has occurred that for a time caused more excitement in Wall street and lower Broadway. Fully 50,000 people were drawn to the scene of the explosion, and for an hour the police were powerless to bring order out of chaos.

It was just 2:20 when the explosion came, with a force that was absolutely startling, completely wrecking the second floor of the building, throwing pedestrians in the street to the ground, and startling people for blocks around. Those close at hand saw a man blown through one of the windows of Sage's office into Rector street. A few minutes later Sage himself, with the blood streaming down his face and hands, was helped out into the street and taken to O'Connell's drug store, just below Wall street on Broadway. There also was carried the man blown from the window.

Within ten minutes after the explosion Dr. Munn, the physician of Jay Gould, was at the side of Sage, and personally attended to his injuries, which proved to be not of a serious nature. The hair and eyebrows of the millionaire were burnt and his face and hands hurt by small particles of glass and plaster, the result of the explosion.

Sage, though suffering from the shock, made the following statement while his wounds were being dressed: "A man who gave his name as H. D. Wilson came to my office just now. I had never seen him before. He had a carpet-bag in his hand, and said, 'If you will not give me $1,250,000 I will blow you to pieces.' I know nothing further except the hearing of a great explosion and the falling of the floor. I regained consciousness here. The man lying on the floor of the drug-store is, I believe, the same one who asked me for the money." When Sage's wounds were dressed he was taken in a cab to his home.

Outside of the door everything was confusion. Men lost their heads, and rumors of the wildest kind filled the air. Twenty people were said to have been killed and injured, as from the building the firemen led or carried the dead and injured. Ambulances were summoned from three hospitals, and soon the streets around were solidly filled with a struggling mass of persons, all eager to get to the scene of the disaster.

When the police arrived in force the building was quickly cleared of all persons, and search was made in the wrecked offices. Just inside of the door of the general office was found the trunk of a man in a state that rendered recognition nearly impossible, the head having been severed from the body. A pointed, reddish beard gave the appearance of an educated man, which was enhanced by brown curls of hair and a heavy moustache that adorned the upper lip. When the body was taken up it was found to have been torn into shreds by the explosion.

The interior of the offices plainly showed that the force of the explosion was something terrific. All the partition walls were blown down and the sashes and window frames forced outward. The ceiling had been blown down, and the floor forced downward, rendering it unsafe to walk upon. Desks and chairs were overturned and hurled into an indescribable mass, and every piece of glass in the big air shaft that ran to the roof was shivered.

The search quickly showed that the body of the man with the pointed beard was the only one among the debris. In the meantime the crowds in the street grew larger, the elevated trains from up town bringing thousands to the scene, all impelled by curiosity. For an hour confusion reigned. Then the police found their heads and something like a correct list of the killed and injured was had. But one person had been killed outright, the man with the pointed beard. He is supposed to be H. D. Wilson, the man that made the demand for money from Sage and threw the bomb. Benj. E. Morton, who was thrown through the window, a clerk in the office, was removed to the Chamber-street Hospital, where he died at 1:30.

The following injured were taken to the hospital: Frank Robertson, 30 years old, clerk for Imbre & Co., brokers. He was in Sage's office at the time of the explosion. His skull was fractured, and he will probably die.

Charles W. Osborn, Russell Sage's cashier, fractured skull, and will probably die.

Samuel J. Calherin, who was in the building at the time, received a fracture of the leg.

Colonel J. J. Slocum, brother-in-law of Sage and his chief clerk, was badly cut about the head and face and received other wounds. When they were dressed he returned to the scene, declaring that he had left the door of the safe open, and was fearful that the securities in it had been blown out and lost. Quickly gathering together what he found he placed them in a small safe and had it removed to the office of the Manhattan Railway Company in the same building.

In the afternoon the firemen found among the debris a leg, thought to be that of a woman. Whether it is or not has not been discovered. Russell Sage did not employ a woman typewriter, and as this fact is well established the supposition is that if the leg is that of a woman it is all that is left of one of his "put and call" customers, who was in the office at the time.

Chase James, a railroad man and resident of Chattanooga, Tenn., had an appointment with Sage at 12 o'clock, and had an experience that he will never forget. He says: "I called at Sage's office at 12 o'clock, and found him out. A seat was offered me in the main office near the desk. I took it and awaited Sage's return. Sitting on a bench near the wall I noticed a man, perhaps five feet eight inches in hight. He wore a plug hat, and had a pointed beard and a heavy brown mustache. At about 12:15 o'clock Sage came in, and, greeting me, asked me into his private office. Sage had just removed his hat and asked me to be seated, when his clerk entered and said something to him I did not hear. Turning to me, he said, 'Excuse me a moment,' and passed through the door into the main office. The door closed behind him, and I pushing my chair over to the wall, and facing the door through which Sage had gone. It might have been two or three minutes when the explosion came. I was blown nearly to the ceiling, and the chair on which I had sat was smashed to pieces. I fell down all in a heap. Dust and small particles of plaster and smoke filled the room. I was completely dazed, and did not know what to do. I remember making my way through the passage from which the explosion had blown the door into the main office. There I met Sage, the blood dripping down his face and hands, his clothes torn and rent, and covered with dirt and dust. When he saw me he said: 'How shall we get out?' 'Wait,' I replied, 'until this dust settles, and I think we will be all right, as the worst must be over.' Then I recovered my senses, and taking him by the arm led him down the stairway into the street."

Among the debris in the wrecked offices was found the remains of a silk hat, evidently worn by the man who gave the name of Wilson, and who sat in one corner of Sage's private office, where James was sitting alone at the time of the explosion. The man's hand was also found.

Washington Conner was in his office on Broadway, in the front of the building and on the same floor with Sage, when the explosion came. Conner was out of the building among the first, and assisted Sage to the drug store.

The Coroner made examination of the mangled remains of the man found in Sage's office, and from the mass of flesh and clothing took a seven-chamber bulldog revolver. This was all that could be found by which identification could be made. What was left of the body was laid out in an undertaker's office on Greenwich street. It was not much. The head was there, blackened, but neither cut nor disfigured in any way. It was cut off the neck and looked for all the world like the mask of a man 35 or 40 years old, with a full beard that might have been long, but was now burned close to the chin and cheeks. Then there was a leg—the right, left foot, one hand, and that was all. The body proper was gone. Of neither the chest nor abdomen was a trace found. Shreds of clothing were found showing that the man had worn trousers of blue-black plaid, a black overcoat and long black stockings. That might have started the story of the woman's leg having been found. He had been careful to rid himself of everything that might disclose his identity. His name had been written in his hat, but he had cut it out with a knife.

Russell Sage made a statement to Inspector Byrnes this evening: "I came out of my office, having been sent for, and found a man with a satchel. He handed me a card bearing the name of H. D. Wilson. He said he came from J. D. Rockefeller, and handed me a written letter in a sealed envelope. It was addressed to me. I found it was a demand upon me for the payment of a million and a quarter dollars. The letter stated that if the money was not given up at once to the presentor of the letter, he would blow me, himself, and the entire office up with dynamite. I read the letter, and placing it in the envelope handed it back to him and turned to go into my private office, when the explosion occurred."

Coroner Messemer went to the Chambers-street Hospital and took the antemortem statement of Frank Robertson, an employe of Imbre & Co. He says he went to Sage's office to get some shares of stock. He saw a man talking to Sage very attentively. The man pulled out what looked like a pistol. It glittered, and he put it in his right-hand overcoat pocket. I knew nothing more until I yelled murder. I heard the explosion, and everybody yelled murder."

Russell Sage, Jr., said of late Mr. Sage had received three or four threatening letters signed James Walsh. In one of them the writer demanded $1,200,000. What that sum was for Sage could not say.

The recent troubles between President Andrews of the New York Steam Heating Company and the Standard Gaslight Company now came into play in the case. A large part of the stock in dispute belonged to the widows Spinola and Manheim. These women, Walsh said in the letters, he was about to marry. He therefore demanded the money to put him on a better financial level. Sage paid no attention to him. Jay Gould was also attacked in the letters, and denounced in abusive terms. The writer threatened Sage's life, but no attention was paid to it, as all who knew about the letters believed him a "harmless crank," to use young Sage's own words.

Russell Sage saw the head of D. H. Wilson, the man who threw the bomb, and identified it as belonging to the man who had come to the office and demanded money. Inspector Byrnes took the ghastly, gory head in a basket to Mr. Sage's house and carried it to Mr. Sage's bedroom. The instant the magnate, who was lying in bed, saw the head, he said, "That's the head of the man."

AN ESCAPED LUNATIC.

ALBANY (N. Y.), Dec. 4.—The dynamiter is thought to be Hiram D. Wilson, aged 45, an escaped lunatic and a native of Glens Falls, Warren County. Wilson escaped previously from Middletown and other asylums.

Several years ago he attempted to kill a man when he had asked for money to set him up in business. On another occasion, when W. J. Arkell was in Albany, Wilson made a demand on him, threatened to kill him, and even attempted to assault him in his office. He had also threatened the life of Goodwin Brown, one of the Sate Lunacy Commissioners. Wilson was arrested here about a year ago for threatening to kill someone.

AMUSEMENTS.

The testimonial concert to Miss Emma Felter last night was an entire success and a most pleasing event. The audience was very large, and one of the best the city can turn out. The rostrum and surrounding furniture were covered with a wealth of floral and evergreen decoration. Miss Felter was received with a sincerity of welcome that must have been very gratifying to the lady. She proved in the numbers she gave that by study she has greatly improved in her method and in the sympathetic quality of her tones. Her voice has not so greatly strengthened, but it was never weak. The advance manifest is in precision and in the flexibility of the voice. Her tones are more sympathetic than before, though she always sang with feeling. Now, however, there is greather depth and stronger purpose in the feeling with which she sings. Unquestionably she has much improved, and has at her command a sweet and sympathetic voice, of serviceable strength and broad register, which she manages well, though in her first number last evening she suffered from embarrassment, much more so, probably, than if she had been before an audience of strangers. She was warmly applauded and repeatedly encored and was favored with handsome floral tributes. Lesley Martin proved to be a pianist of cultivated taste and fine execution. Mr. Knell, the violinist, is well known here, and played with his usual excellence. Mr. Cohn and Mr. Crocker were both in good voice, and gave their numbers with excellent effect. Mrs. Frances Edgerton was received with hearty manifestations of pleasure at her appearance, and read several times in her best vein. The lady is an elocutionist of fine ability and strong dramatic power. C. A. Neale acted as Musical Director. Mr. Neale was flutist also, and with a second violinist, not named on the programme, and Messrs. Knell, Martin and Lewis, the latter as celloist, furnished the instrumental accompaniment to Miss Felter's "Scena and Prayer" from "Der Freischutz." The three gentlemen last named also gave a trio in E flat from Beethoven. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, which manifested its satisfaction with warmth.

The Noss Family was seen for the first time in this city at the Metropolitan last night. The strong counter attractions of Miss Felter's concert and the tug-of-war at the Pavilion, both of which were largely attended, resulted in a small audience being present at the theater. Those who attended, however, enjoyed a real treat. No company has appeared in this city in a long time which has given a performance that has been so well received and thoroughly appreciated, even if there were many empty seats. It was new and novel—different from anything heretofore seen here. The company is composed of a number of excellent musicians who play on all sorts of instruments and render the most delightful music. The ladies are pretty, modest and graceful. Almost every musical number on the programme was warmly encored. The Noss Family will appear again to-night, and no lover of music who attends will regret it.

At the Metropolitan Theater to-morrow night W. S. Cleveland's "Big City Show" of minstrelsy and variety will appear. The troupe has but two old-time faces in it—all the others are new to the coast. The press at the East is unanimous in crediting the entertainments the company gives as superior musically, humorously and in all other respects. Cleveland has always made his stage work here keep faith with his billed announcements, and doubtless will do so this time. The box office opens this morning.

A concert for December 14th is announced for the benefit of A. Sanborn, the well-known tenor. The leading singers and musicians of the city have volunteered. Mr. Sanborn for years has sung for benefits, societies, clubs, charities, churches and social gatherings. He is in poor health, and deserves from this people such a benefit as will make the heart glad and the purse fat. Let it be seen if the scores who have benefited by his kindly offices will now respond with gratitude.

ANTI-HYDRAULICKERS.

A Small But Spirited Meeting of Brighton Farmers.

The meeting of farmers called by Joseph Routier, J. E. Camp and John Rooney, to consider the matter of securing further protection against hydraulic mining, was very poorly attended yesterday, less than a dozen persons being present.

The gentlemen who had called the meeting were greatly disappointed at the apparent lack of interest displayed by the farmers, and it was quite late in the afternoon before it was decided that the few present should meet at all.

"I don't understand," said Mr. Routier, "how men can be so indifferent. I suppose because we haven't had a flood nor a dose of slickens for several years they imagine we are not going to have any more; but they had better look out—these things may come again when least expected."

After exchanging views for some time on the sidewalk by the Courthouse, the little band of farmers decided to go into the Supervisors' room, organize their meeting and adjourn until some other day, in the hope that in the meantime they might be able to get a greater number interested.

Joseph Routier presided at the meeting. He said the farmers wanted to know what the Supervisors were doing, if anything, to check hydraulic mining, and also what the county's special attorney was doing in that direction.

Lawyer R. T. Devlin was present and explained the situation. He spoke of what the United States courts had done and what the Supervisors had done and were doing to prevent hydraulic mining, all of which facts have been so often rehearsed through the press that the public are thoroughly familiar therewith.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Devlin said the Supervisors now had two men out trying to secure evidence against any miners that might be violating the injunctions of the courts. He thought they should have eight or ten men in the mountains, but the board was afraid of the expense.

Mr. Rooney remarked that it would not cost more than to build levees. He did not, however, explain what levees the county is engaged in building. He also said that if any Sacramento merchant is in favor of hydraulic mining he would like to have him pointed out.

After some further discussion of a similar character the meeting decided to have a committee of three appointed to wait on the Supervisors next week. Chairman Routier said he would announce the committee on Monday, and that the members would meet at the Courthouse on the Wednesday following, at 1 o'clock P. M.

The meeting then adjourned.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Supervisor Frank Miller of El Dorado is in the city.

Lawyer F. C. Lusk of Chico was in the city yesterday.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Lauck, of Governor Markham's staff, was in town yesterday.

Miss Mary Miller of Placerville is visiting Sacramento, the guest of Mrs. Hubbard.

Mrs. E. B. Crocker and her daughter, Mrs. J. Sloat Fassett of New York, are in San Francisco.

Will A. Nash of this city was married in San Bernardino, on November 25th, to Miss Marie Antoinette Fennett.

Frank W. Marston, well known here, Assistant Chief Clerk of the United States Mint, was married on November 30th to Miss Minerva Wingerter.

Captain J. J. O'Connell, U. S. A., was in this city yesterday. The Captain is the Government officer who inspected the various encampments of the National Guard this year.

Club Reseda gave a brilliant opening party at Pythian Castle last evening. It was one of the several the club proposes to give during the winter months, and if the others are as successful as that held last evening the season will undoubtedly be a delightful one to the members. The hall was prettily, though not elaborately, decorated. Wreaths and streamers of ivy formed the trimmings about the windows and gallery; smilax entwined the gas-jets, and large palms shaded the refreshment table in front of the main entrance. The orchestra played from the gallery, so as to give the main floor exclusively to the dancers, and delightful music was rendered. Neat and odd programmes, containing fifteen dances, were given out. The front cover contained a picturesque engraving of a tropical scene, while on the back were the names of the officers of the club, as follows: President, John C. Ing, Jr.; Vice-President, Frank L. Roth; Secretary, George W. Kramer; Treasurer, Henry P. Brown; Floor Director, Charles E. Daly; Floor Committee—Frank A. Webb; Edwin E. Earle, Edward D. Olney and Charles Tanquary. Those present were: John C. Ing, Jr. and wife, George B. Ross, Miss Lois L. Ross, F.E. Foote, Miss S. E. Kendrick, H. Feldhusen, Miss A. Feldhusen, Charles O. Tanquary, Wesley Rose, C. B. Conn, Miss Conn, Miss Laferty, F. L. Roth, Miss Nellie Metlar, F. A. Webb, Miss Olive Danis, William H. Devlin, E. M. Atkinson, Miss May Gilkey, Charles E. Daly, Miss N. Tanquary, William A. Sayre, Miss Minnie Perry, Henry Ross, Jr., Miss Georgie Spaulding, H. A. Hornlein, Miss Ella Burke, B. E. Miller, E. G. Cutter, Miss Lillie B. Cutter, F. H. Conn, Miss Bessie Alexander, T. W. McAuliffe, William B. Kellogg, G. W. Kramer, J. Nusbaum, E. E. Earle, Mrs. W. Eaton, G. H. Burnett, Miss Florence Burnett, William Haub, Miss Rose Shaver, Edwin D. Olney, Miss Alida Lewis, Fred. W. Greider and Miss Hattie Bell.

Official Bond Filed.

Harbormaster John H. Wiseman filed his official bond yesterday with City Auditor Young. The amount of the bond is $2,000, and the sureties are M. Cronan and R. H. Pettit.

WELCOMED RAINFALL.

The Storm Extends Throughout the Southern Counties.

FEARS OF A DRY SEASON NOW ALLAYED.

George Maddox Found Guilty of Murder in the First Degree for the Killing of George Ball at Marysville, With Sentence Fixed at Life Imprisonment—Record Meetings at Stockton Closed.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—The weather has cleared up here, but the storm is extending south. Rain is reported from Lathrop, Redlands, Milton, Sonoma, Gilroy, San Bernardino, Hollister, Anaheim, Pasadena and Madera. At San Bernardino considerable hail also fell.

GONZALES, Dec. 4.—It rained about .60 of an inch last night, and cleared off early this morning. The wind is from the north, and the storm is probably over for a few days. This rain will start green feed.

SANTA MARIA, Dec. 4.—Forty hundredths of an inch of rain fell last night. More is expected. The fears of a dry season are allayed.

CAYUCOS, Dec. 4.—The first genuine southeast rainstorm of the season came last night at dusk. It rained steadily about seven hours, yielding .48 of an inch. This will start the grass and set the farmers plowing, but more is needed.

NEWMAN, Dec. 4.—Rain commenced falling at this place at 5 o'clock last night, and .45 of an inch fell up to 8 o'clock this morning.

MERCED, Dec. 4.—The rain, which commenced to fall at 5 P. M. yesterday, continued all night. Dark clouds are still seen and should the wind change to the east another night's rain may be expected. The udometer at C. H. Huffman's back ranch, five miles north of Merced, gives .60 of an inch as the rainfall for the storm. That of the city gives .43.

WHEATLAND, Dec. 4.—A fine rain fell all day yesterday. It is much appreciated by the farmers.

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 4.—The first rain of the season fell this morning gently for an hour or two. The raisin crop is practically all out of harm's way.

ONTARIO, Dec. 4.—Sixty hundredths of an inch of rain fell last night. The last rain fell on May the 21st.

RAILROAD BUILDING.

The Southern Pacific Pushing Work on Its New Cut-Off Road.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—The Southern Pacific Company is pushing the work on its new cut-off line from San Bruno to Third and Townsend streets. It has over a mile of the double track laid from San Bruno northeasterly toward the bay shore. The company's right of way is over a strip of land 100 feet wide, and it will build four tracks over it—two for passenger and two for freight service. That part of the road to the Baden Stock Yards will be in operation within a month, and the company will have the whole line ready for trains in about six months. The present time to San Bruno is forty minutes, but when the new line is open it will be only eighteen minutes. There will be a corresponding saving in the time to San Jose. As soon as it can be done the company intends to have four tracks in operation for the whole distance from Third and Townsend streets to San Jose.

It will run a greater part of its Sunset freight over this line, instead of hauling it via Fresno, as the gap in the coast division between Santa Margarita and Elwood will soon be closed.

RECORD MEETINGS OVER.

The Fast Horses Being Sent to Their Homes from Stockton.

STOCKTON, Dec. 4.—The fast horses which have been here to make world's records left to-day, and it is said that the record meetings are over for the year. But some new horses will be brought here if the track should be good after the first big storm. George Starr left to-day with Monroe Salisbury's famous pacer Direct, who equaled her record of 2:06 here. Also Monbars, the celebrated Eastern two-year-old colt.

The Reavis mare Vice H. was sent to her home at Chico.

Millard Sanders has sent home to the Valensin farm the world beating yearlings Fausta and Frou Frou. He will go to Pleasanton to-morrow, but will return with some two-year-olds if the track becomes good.

Catholic Bishop Dead.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—Bishop O'Connell, one of the best known of the Catholic clergy in the State, died at the Sisters' Hospital this evening. The Bishop for the past twenty-eight years has been in charge of the church at Grass Valley.

Maddox Convicted.

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 4.—George Maddox was found guilty of Murder in the first degree for the killing of George Ball. The jury fixed the sentence at imprisonment for life.

VICTORIOUS AMERICANS.

They Score Four Straight Victories in the Tug-of-War.

The Carbuilders Finish a Good Second —Scandinavians and Foundrymen Break Even.

The tug-of-war tournament came to a close last evening.

There was another large audience, which included a goodly number of the leather-lunged variety, who make all such affairs interesting with their noise.

The Americans defeated the lusty Foundrymen after a long, stubborn contest, and thus scored four straight victories—and not a defeat.

There was more noise and excitement last evening than on any of the previous contest nights, and consequently the big crowd went home well satisfied.

THE BIG PULL.

At 8:30 o'clock the big American team, headed by little Johnnie Scroggs, marched out amid loud applause and took their places on the "lucky" side of the platform.

They were followed quickly by the doughty Foundrymen, who took their places on the cleats opposite the boys in red, white and blue.

Captains Wilder of the Americans and Douglas of the Foundrymen consumed considerable time in seeing that their men were placed in the most advantageous positions, with well resined hands and giving them their final instructions.

Tom Scott, who "hallooed" so loudly for the Carbuilders Thursday evening, took up a position on the Foundrymen's side and tuned up his vocal chords.

At 8:42 o'clock Referee C. B. Nichols stepped up to the center, asked the captains if they were ready, and, receiving an affirmative reply from each, fired his pistol.

Instantly there was a desperate lurch on the rope by each team. All through the tournament there has invariably been a grand struggle between the teams for first honors. This contest was no exception to the rule. Both teams tugged and pulled vigorously for a few seconds, but the marker hung directly over the center line. Then there was a lull.

The Americans were the first to open hostilities, after the rest, but did not gain. The Foundrymen took a pull a moment later, and, amid deafening cheers, hauled the marker over their way just an inch.

STUBBORN WORK.

Then the Americans hauled it back to the center, but only for a moment, as the lusty Foundrymen tugged away again a little later and hauled the marker over toward their goal a full cleat. The Americans tried to recover, but could not.

Matters began to look a little blue for the Americans.

But they were all there, and there for business. After ten minutes of zigzag work, Captain Wilder walked down the line and gave his men a word of encouragement. Then going over to the opposing side, and inspecting their positions, gave his men the secret signal.

Instantly the ten brawny fellows in red, white and blue shut their teeth and pulled for all that was in them.

Something had to go—and it was the Foundrymen.

The Americans took a full cleat amid an uproar of enthusiasm. It was a desperate pull and was irresistible.

Two minutes later another heave added another cleat to the Americans' credit, and the din became all the more deafening.

The Foundrymen struggled bravely—desperately, in fact—but they could not get back the lost rope. Tom Scott nearly exploded in howling for the Foundrymen, but even he could not inspire the boys in navy blue to victory.

Fifteen minutes passed and the Americans had added another cleat, making the distance they had gained just one foot and a half.

THE FOUNDRYMEN.

The contest was a magnificent one. The Foundrymen fought every inch of the way, and now and then, spurred on by the cheers of their admirers, they strove to haul the marker back. But in vain.

During the next ten minutes the Americans could not gain another cleat, nor even another inch, on account of the stubbornness of the Foundrymen.

The marker was still over the third cleat at the end of the half hour, and it was announced that under the rules the teams had twenty minutes more.

This announcement seemed to wake up the Americans, for they laid hold of the rope roughly, and before the rally ended they had hauled the rope up one more cleat, making two feet to their credit.

Thirty-five minutes saw the marker one more cleat nearer the American goal, and five minutes later still another cleat was earned, making their advantage six cleats in all, or three feet.

At the end of forty minutes' tugging the marker indicated seven cleats to the credit of the Americans.

During the last three minutes of the contest the Foundrymen made a gallant struggle to regain some of the rope, and were encouraged in their efforts by thundering cheers from the audience, but they could not budge the rope.

Timekeeper Ruhstaller's watch ticked off the last few seconds slowly. Then came the report of the referee's pistol announcing that the Americans had won the championship of the tournament, and the first prize.

There was great cheering when the victory was announced, and the members of the victorious team were congratulated on all sides.

HURRICANE CARBUILDERS.

After an intermission of fifteen minutes the Carbuilders and Brewers put in an appearance.

The management had had a hard time getting the Brewers to pull, as their team had disbanded and their Captain had not put in an appearance. At the last moment, however, a young man named Dietz gathered the team together—at least a fragment of it, with some substitutes—and entered them.

The big Carbuilders made short work of the Germans.

Referee Nichols gave the men the signal for the battle at exactly 10 o'clock, and the Carbuilders went at their opponents with a rush. Before the first rally was over they had three cleats to their credit, and the audience had apparently gone mad.

The big fellows from the shops rested a few seconds and then made another cyclone spurt. This time it was even greater than the first one, and the doughty Brewers went down before them. The Carbuilders dragged their opponents over the cleats without mercy, and in just one minute from the time the contest began the referee's pistol announced the Carbuilders victorious.

This was the shortest contest of the tournament.

The uproar that followed this quick victory outclassed anything of the kind that has occurred during the tournament. Pandemonium prevailed for at least ten minutes after the victory was announced.

The final tug of the evening was between the Scandinavians and the Brassfinishers. There was considerable difficulty in getting the Brassfinishers to pull, as the latter had some misunderstanding with the management regarding the payment of their extramen. They finally went in, however, and another long, stubborn struggle took place. The Brassfinishers were in better condition than on any previous evening. The tug commenced at 11 o'clock and at the end of the fifty minutes the Scandinavians had the advantage by two and a half cleats. They were declared the victors.

The following table shows the result of the tournament:

Teams.	Won.	Lost.
American	4	0
Carbuilders	3	1
Foundrymen	2	2
Scandinavian	2	2
Brewers	1	3
Brassfinishers	0	4

The Americans take the first prize, the Carbuilders the second, the Scandinavians and Foundrymen divide the third and fourth prizes between them, and the Brewers take the fifth.

After the Americans won last night, Tom Scott offered to back the Carbuilders against the victors for a special match for $500. Captain Wilder declined, however. He said his men had done enough pulling for a while; the same men had pulled in the team every night, while the other teams were changing their men constantly, and the Carbuilders could now put in a comparatively fresh team. Jack Scroggs, the American's anchor man, offered to pull the Carbuilders in thirty days for $500 a side, and turn the receipts over to the Orphan Asylum, but this offer was declined.

Although the tournament has had crowded houses, it is an open secret that the Federated Trades have lost money on the venture. They blame this to mismanagement of the affair.

SUING A STATE OFFICIAL.

Mrs. Meierdierks Claims that E. G. Waite Owes Her a Month's Rent.

In Justice Starr's court yesterday Mrs. Meta E. Meierdierks, through her attorney, Isaac Joseph, filed a claim against Secretary of State E. G. Waite for $55, alleged to be due for a month's rental of a residence owned by her. She alleges that on or about March 26, 1891, she verbally leased to defendant, for a term of four years, the premises at 1123 O street, with certain personal property therein, at a monthly rental of $55, payable in advance. That on November 1, 1891, there became due a month's rent, which the defendant has not paid, hence the suit.

Mr. Waite, by his attorney, George A. Blanchard, has filed a general demurrer to the complaint. It is understood that he left the residence for what he considered good and sufficient reasons, and, as he claimed at the time, before the following month's rental had become due.

PLAYING AGAINST LOTTERIES.

How a Man Hoped to Swell the Amount of a Bequest.

A rather curious will was admitted to probate yesterday in Judge Van Fleet's court, on motion of Lawyer Isaac Joseph. It was that of Karl Louis Heinecke, Sr., who died at Naumburg, Germany, leaving, besides other property, a sum of money in the People's Savings Bank in this city.

This money is bequeathed to his son's children, but the will provides that it is to remain in the bank until the youngest child becomes of legal age, and that the dividends and interest on the money, if any, or a portion thereof, is to beinvested in purchasing tickets in the Prussian lottery. It is further provided that if prizes are drawn, the proceeds are to be divided equally among deceased's grandchildren.

MUST STAND TRIAL.

The Alleged Plunderer of Peter Moretto Held to Answer.

Another of the lower L-street women was held to answer before the Superior Court by Judge Cravens yesterday.

Mollie Brown was accused of having robbed one Peter Moretto of $20. The testimony of the complainant was corroborated, to a certain extent, by a friend named Antone Ferrero, and Judge Cravens deemed it advisable to place them both under bonds to appear at the trial in the Superior Court. Their bonds were fixed at $250, while the woman was held with bail in the sum of $500.

BRIEF NOTES.

Another charge of embezzlement has been made against E. W. Reynolds, who was arrested here some days ago and taken to San Francisco.

A. S. Cohn, who was for several years chief salesman in the store of C. S. Houghton, is now employed in a similar capacity in the stationery and bookstore of W. F. Purnell, 609 J street.

Rising Star Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 8, has elected Mrs. D. J. Mannix, N. G.; Lucy Gett, V. G.; Georgia Guthrie, R. S.; Ida Files, P. S.; Mrs. Warrendorf, Treasurer; Trustee, Mrs. Sallie White.

Grand Army Officers Elected.

Sumner Post, No. 3, G. A. R., at its last meeting elected the following officers: J. Burke, P. C.; M. E. Gates, S. V. C.; R. S. McClure, J. V. C.; H. Bennett, Q. M.; W. B. Maydwell, Adj.; J. R. Laine, Surg.; C. Kellogg, Chap.; W. H. H. Willey, O. D.; S. D. Bell, O. G.; C. H. Hubbard, J. R. Laine, C. Bockstanger, W. H. H. Willey and R. S. McClure, Delegates, and M. E. Gates, J. A. Falkenstein, D. M. Smith, F. Barrows and T. Bullivant, Alternates, to the Department Encampment at Fresno in April next.

At the election of officers of Sumner Relief Corps, No. 11, the following were chosen: Caroline G. Hancock, P.; Sophia Dierssen, S. V. P.; Julia Morris, J. V. P.; Daisy Falconer, Treasurer; Alice M. Kellogg, Chaplain; Hannah J. Lindler, Conductor; Annie M. Bockstanger, Guard. The installation will occur on January 7, 1892.

Native Sons Election.

Sacramento Parlor, No. 3, N. S. G. W., last evening elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Past President, J. F. M. Bronner; President, W. Welch; First Vice-President, H. P. Brown; Second Vice-President, S. T. Smith; Third Vice-President, Scott Ennis; Recording Secretary, T. G. Eilers; Financial Secretary, J. M. Henderson, Jr.; Trustee, H. K. Johnson; Historian, Dr. C. E. Fowler; Surgeon, Dr. C. E. Fowler.

Church Entertainment.

An enjoyable entertainment was given at the Ninth-street Baptist Church last evening for the benefit of the Young People's Society of the church. There was a large attendance, and the following literary programme was given: Instrumental duet, Nellie Harris and Mamie Malone; vocal solo, Abe Gibson; zither solo, Mr. Meyers; recitation, Guy Durrell; piano solo, Miss Maggie Young; vocal solo, W. H. Gibson.

The Much-Married Carter.

Judge Van Fleet yesterday partially heard the conflicting applications for letters of administration on the estate of Joel Carter, the man who died leaving three wives, from neither of whom he had been divorced.

Some of the claimants reside in this State, some in Illinois and some in England. In behalf of the latter the matter was continued for four weeks.

To-Night's Excursion.

The Improved Order of Red Men run an excursion train to Newcastle to-night. The train leaves the depot at 7 sharp. The round-trip fare is $1—a very low rate for so extended a ride to the hills. The excursion will return Sunday afternoon. It certainly is a good opportunity to spend a pleasant time in the upper levels.

New Law Firm.

Philip S. Driver and William M. Sims, both promising young lawyers, have formed a co-partnership and are now established in business at 420 J street.

Watch Stolen.

Mrs. Mulleny, who lives at 226 M street, has reported at the Police Station that a gold hunting-case watch has been stolen from her residence.

Real Estate at Auction.

On Tuesday next, at 10 A. M., Bell & Co. will sell at auction the residence and business property at 921 Tenth street; also the carpets therein.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Workmen Buried Beneath a Fallen Wall.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 4.—Eight persons instantly killed, three fatally injured, and four severely cut and bruised, is the record which can to a large extent be credited to the blizzard's advent in this city today. A wall already weakened by having the supports burned away became top-heavy when the supporting debris was removed from against it, and went over with a crash before the gale, with the result stated. Fifteen men were working close to the center wall in the burned-out Shepard building on East Third street, when the wall, without warning, crashed down on them, burying them beneath the ruins, and killing or stunning all. Not one escaped, and all were so terribly mashed and mangled that it was with much difficulty they were identified.

The list of killed is as follows: Edward Wilcox, contractor; John Adams, Charles Katriski, John Koleski, Frank Sewell, Charles Kleis, Frank Marks, Peter Larso.

The fatally injured are Frank Teshler, Henry Murphy and John Maurer.

The injured: Frank St. Peter, Thomas Morter, Mike McNamara and Stephen Rohde.

A recent invention introduced in factories enables any person in any part of the factory to stop the main engine simply by pushing an electric button.

RUSSELL DIVORCE CASE.

The Jury Brings in a Verdict in Favor of Defendant.

THE COUNTESS CONDEMNED TO PAY THE COSTS OF ACTION.

A Most Virulent Type of Influenza Prevailing in Berlin—It is Estimated That Forty Thousand Persons Have Been Attacked Since the First of the Present Month—Americans Suffer at the Hands of Lawless Gangs of Mexicans.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Developments in the Russell case Wednesday wetted the appetites of scandal lovers of London, and the court was crowded again to-day. The proceedings to-day were enlivened by a tilt between counsel in regard to the Roberts incident. During the argument, the presiding Justice said he intended to get at the root of this matter. He declared that it ought to have been put into definite shape as a criminal charge or charge of gross indecency.

The Earl's redirect examination was resumed this morning. He said that until the Williams girl incident was brought out in court, the story of his connection with her had not been known at Teddington, where he lived, except by members of her family. She was still living at Teddington, and no public reproach had attached to her. This closed the Earl's testimony.

Sheppard, the Earl's foreman, testified that he never saw the Countess crying. The Earl always treated her as a gentleman should treat his wife.

Sir Charles Russell then summed up for the defense. He said the case should never have been brought to court, supported as it was by many cases of grossly untrue evidence.

Sir Edward Clark's address was characterized by the great emphasis he laid upon telling points in the evidence for petitioner. He declared, however, that the evidence submitted would have no effect upon the reputation of Professor Roberts. The object of Countess Russell in raising the action was not to obtain money. Her chief reason was that she wished to relieve herself of the obligation of living with a man whose treatment had led to their separation. Referring to the entries in the Earl's diary, Sir Edward said they were in favor of the Countess. The Earl admitted himself to be in the wrong. Sir Edward said he was glad that Earl Russell had an opportunity to deny imputations connecting him in a disgraceful way with Roberts. It had been made quite clear by the evidence of himself and Professor Roberts that there was no ground for the suggestion of improper relations between them. Sir Edward maintained that Sir Charles Russell was responsible for bringing the story out. The Countess had desired it not to be mentioned. It was only when she was pressed by questions put to her by Sir Charles Russell on her cross-examination that he connected certain incidents with stories he had heard from members of the Earl's family, and had wrongly construed them. The Justice then summed up the evidence, occupying an hour and a quarter. He stated that he did not agree with Sir Charles Russell that the suit was only instituted with the object of obtaining an allowance.

The case was then given to the jury, who returned a verdict in favor of Earl Russell. When the result of the verdict was announced the Earl's friends in the courtroom aprang to their feet and cheered heartily.

The verdict was for the Earl, and the Countess was condemned to pay the costs of action, which are very heavy.

DEATH OF DOM PEDRO.

Brazil's ex-Emperor Expires from Fever in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Dom Pedro, late Emperor of Brazil, died at the Hotel Bedford five minutes after midnight. His fever had been increasing since 7 o'clock in the evening, when Dr. Charcoal was summoned hastily and remained until the end. The Empress Isabelle and her husband, Count Deu, were also present. The disease with which the ex-Emperor was suffering was diabates.

It is said that the last conscious words of Dom Pedro were an expression of his deep affection for Brazil and regret that he could not go back there to die.

INFLUENZA.

A Most Virulent Type of the Disease Prevailing in Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—The epidemic of influenza which has been prevailing in this city for some time past is daily spreading and the number of persons afflicted with the disease is now very large. It is estimated that over 40,000 persons in Berlin have been attacked with influenza since November 1st. The disease is pronounced of a much more virulent type than that which prevailed two years ago, and many deaths are reported. So widespread has been its ravages that judicial and municipal affairs are interfered with, owing to the illness of many of those connected with the various departments. A similar state of affairs exists in the different public offices. Even the railroad lines and other concerns have a large number of employes seriously affected. The hospitals are crowded to their utmost capacity. From many parts of the country come reports of widespread suffering from the disease.

MEXICAN BANDITS.

Americans Suffer at the Hands of a Desperate Gang.

TAMPICO (Mex.), Dec. 4.—One of the most desperate and notorious gangs of bandits ever in Mexico has been operating in this city and neighborhood for the past several months. The sufferers in nearly every instance at the hands of this lawless band have been Americans. One contractor, Thomas Herron, formerly of Denver, Col., who has been employed on the jetties here, is the loser of forty-five valuable mules, which the thieves drove off one night recently. Detectives engaged in working on the case have already discovered that prominent Government authorities are members of the band, and that they are the owners of steamers plying between this city and other coast points, which are used to ship the stolen stock.

River Steamboat Delayed.

The steamer Apache, from San Francisco, was about five hours late in arriving here yesterday morning. A heavy wind prevailed on the bay on Thursday afternoon, and the steamer did not leave her moorings until late in the afternoon. The fog early yesterday morning on the river also delayed the boat.

Bell's Saturday Sale.

At 10 A. M. to-day Bell & Co. will sell at auction, at Tenth and J streets, horses, buggies, wagons, furniture, carpets, stoves and a miscellaneous lot of articles.