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A DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE

Occurs at an Early Hour in a Town in Colorado.

FOUR BLOCKS OF THE BUSINESS PORTION DESTROYED.

The Town of Blanchester, Ohio, Almost Entirely Destroyed by Fire—A Fire at New Orleans Results in a Large Monetary Loss.

DENVER, Oct. 18.—A special from Creede, Col., says: About 2:30 this morning fire broke out in the Cottage Home Hotel, which swept over four blocks of the business portion of the city of Creede, from Second to Fourth street, and from the Denver and Rio Grande tracks to within 150 feet of Cliff street, destroying about $150,000 worth of property. Among the buildings destroyed are the City Hall, the First National Bank, the Creede *Sentinel* and *Candle and Miner* newspaper offices, the Tortoni Hotel and the mercantile establishments of the Famous Company, Warren & Coulson, Jesse Gulley, L. C. Trelvar, the Tabor Produce Company, Spurgeon & Cassidy, Knodel & Stone, E. M. McCabe and S. D. Potter.

The Western Union Telegraph office was destroyed, but the Postoffice, which was on the edge of the burnt district, was saved.

This is the second disastrous fire in the history of Creede. The first in June, 1892, destroyed the entire town.

COSTLY BLAZE IN OHIO.

BLANCHESTER (O.), Oct. 18.—To-day fire broke out, and this place is now almost entirely destroyed. The fire originated in Burke's livery stable from the carelessness of some smoker, and has been raging up to 10 o'clock to-night. A high wind prevailed almost the entire time, sweeping the flames in almost every direction. Other buildings caught from burning cinders. Every business house is either entirely consumed or gutted and stock completely ruined. In addition to this wholesale destruction, twenty residences are burned down and families made homeless. Two churches, two bank buildings and the Odd Fellows' and Masonic Halls were also destroyed. Editor A. C. Bell and Fred Rey, a fireman, were badly burned. The total loss will be over $150,000, with insurance not exceeding $40,000.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 18.—A disastrous fire occurred here about 6 o'clock to-day. All the buildings fronting the river on the square between Elysian Fields street and Esplanade avenue were burned, including rice mill B, formerly known as Perseverance Rice Mill. This was one of the finest and best equipped rice mills in the country. It is said that there was at least $100,000 worth of clean rice in the mill. The amount of loss could not be stated to-night, but it is probably $300,000, partially covered by insurance.

FIRES IN WISCONSIN.

GREEN BAY (Wis.), Oct. 18.—Fires which have been burning in the marshes and forests near the city for several days in the high wind of to-day assumed dangerous proportions, and the likelihood is that much valuable farm property will be destroyed in spite of all precautions. To-day the pulp company's buildings at Long Tail Point caught from a marsh fire and were destroyed, with some stock and other property. The city is shrouded in dense smoke from the burning fires to-night.

FATAL FIRE IN MINNESOTA.

ROTHSAY (Minn.), Oct. 18.—This region has been swept the past two days by the greatest prairie fires ever known in this region of the Red River Valley. This afternoon, when the fire reached the farm of Mr. Timberlake, Mrs. Timberlake left her baby of 4 years and went to untie some horses which were in danger. While she was gone the child was surrounded by the flames and perished. To-night it is snowing, and it is believed the fire will be put out.

FIREMEN SEVERELY BURNED.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Six firemen were hurled down a steep stairway while fighting a small fire in the Western Brass Works to-night. Three were severely burned and one slightly injured. The injured: John H. Ashbaugh, pipeman, burned about the hands and face; Lieutenant Eugene Buckley, burned about the face; John Campion, Third Assistant Fire Marshal, bruised and slightly injured by falling timbers; Oscar Peters, pipeman, burned about the hands and face.

MAY COME TO THE COAST.

San Francisco Talked of for the National Republican Convention.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The members of the Republican National Committee are giving considerable attention just now to the consideration of time and place for holding a meeting of that body. Senator Thomas H. Carter of Montana, the Chairman, and Messrs. Hobart of New Jersey, Fessenden of Connecticut, Clarkson of Iowa, William H. Sutherland of New York and Michener of Indiana are in town, and other members of the National Committee are expected to arrive to-day.

Owing to the absence of Joseph H. Manley, Chairman of the Executive Committee, no formal meeting will be held at this time, but there will be an informal conference within a day or two for the purpose of getting the general sentiment as to the most desirable time and place. It is probable that a call will soon be issued.

Senator Carter, who is at the Holland House, said to-day that there was a very general sentiment among Eastern members in favor of holding the Republican National Convention in San Francisco, and, of course, Western members favored the idea, he said, but he did not believe anything definite regarding this would be arrived at for some time.

MANY FATALITIES.

Severe Storms Occur Along the Italian Coasts.

ROME, Oct. 18.—Severe storms along the Italian coasts and in the interior have caused a number of fatalities and done much damage. Already fifteen deaths have been recorded, and it is likely more will be reported. There have been heavy losses sustained by the drowning of cattle and the damage to property has been immense.

Dispatches from places along the coast state that shipping has suffered severely. At Leghorn several vessels dragged their anchors, and were carried by the heavy sea and wind high on the beach. Twelve fishing boats were wrecked at Ancona and four at Guilianova. The water undermined the foundations of a church at Avellino, and caused the building to collapse. It is feared that later reports will add greatly to the damage.

RACING WITH THE BIKE.

One Record Falls at the Meet Now Being Held at Denver.

DENVER, Oct. 18.—One record fell today at the Denver meet of the National Circuit bicycle races. This was in the one mile invitation for class B riders. Those invited were C. S. Wells, C. I. Himstreet, T. Cooper, Charles Murphy, E. C. Bald and W. A. Terrill. The riders were paced by the quad and they succeeded in considerable of a breeze in lowering the professional record from 1:58 2-5 to 1:55 1-5. Bald and Murphy crossed the tape together and the judges declared the race a tie. The winners shook dice for the prize, which Bald captured. The attendance was very large. Summaries:

One mile, class A, 2:20 class, H. C. Clark won, M. M. Kreutz second, P. J. Becker third. Time—2:28 4-5.

One-third mile open, class B, C. S. Wells won, C. M. Murphy second, E. Bald third. Time—0:43 3-5.

Half-mile open, class A, P. J. Becker won, C. C. Collins second, John Green third. Time—1:08 4-5.

Two-mile handicap, class A, John Green (60) won, M. M. Kreutz (60) second, G. W. Card (30) third. Time—4:43 2-5.

One mile, 2:20 class B, W. A. Terrill won, H. S. Hale second, A. B. Stone third. Time—2:35.

Five-mile handicap, class B, B. B. Bird (250) won, C. I. Himstreet (320) second, W. W. Hamilton (200) third. Time—12:01 4-5.

One mile, class B, invitation race, E. C. Bald and Charles Murphy ran a dead heat. Time—1:55 1-5.

EMPEROR AND EMPRESS.

The Imperial Party Royally Received at Strasburg.

STRASBURG, Oct. 18.—The Emperor and Empress arrived at Woorth at noon to-day, and were received by Prince Von Hohenlohe-Langenburg, Governor of Alsace-Lorraine. An immense crowd of people had gathered at the station and the imperial party were enthusiastically cheered. Their majesties proceeded at once to the battlefield, where the monument commemorate of the conflict upon that ground was to be unveiled.

The ceremony began with a choral for male voices, sung by members of the Strasburg Glee Union. General Von Mischke then delivered a stirring address. The veil was then dropped from the monument, which is dedicated to the memory of Emperor Frederick III. amidst tremendous cheering. Minister Hoffman, in a telling speech, gave the monument into the custody of the Governor of Alsace-Lorraine, after which the Emperor and members of the imperial party inspected it. The Emperor then took his departure for Strasburg.

CLEVELAND'S CABINET.

First Meeting Since the President's Return to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The first Cabinet meeting since the President's return was held to-day, all the members being present. The meeting lasted two and a half hours. The Cuban situation and many matters of foreign policy, as well as of domestic administration, occupied the attention of the President and his confidential advisers. Each Cabinet officer carried over a portfolio filled with papers requiring the President's attention, and a very large pile of documents remained unacted on when the Cabinet adjourned. As the President is going to Atlanta there will be no further meeting until after his return.

Fatal Explosion.

PARIS (Tex.), Oct. 18.—A courier arrived here to-night bringing news of a terrible explosion at N. K. Dillar's mill on Slough Creek, twenty-two miles northeast of this city, this morning, in which George Jenkins, the colored engineer, was killed outright, J. W. Jackman mortally wounded, and five or six others badly injured, some of whom will probably die. The body of Johnson was found some distance from the place, torn and mangled in a frightful manner, a piece of iron having gone entirely through his body.

How Settlers Are Evicted.

PENDER (Neb.), Oct. 18.—The Indian police have adopted a new way of evicting settlers from the reservation. The following is the manner of treatment in the case of Claus Swanson, who was the first subject treated under the new method. Finding him at work in the cornfield, with nearly a full load of corn in his wagon, they proceeded to bind him hand and foot, load him into the wagon and drove to the agency. After unloading his corn they released him, with the suggestion that he wend his way to parts unknown. Evictions continue daily.

Export of Gold.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The withdrawal of $400,000 in gold at New York to-day for export to Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, reduces the gold reserve to $82,840,058. It has been several weeks since the gold export movement ceased, and its resumption to-day, while not unexpected, is unwelcome. It is believed, however, that it does not presage another onslaught on the gold reserve to any great extent, although other small shipments of gold may be made next week.

A Raging Meadow Fire.

LAMONTE (Mo.), Oct. 18.—This afternoon sparks from a train set fire to a meadow two miles east of here. The fire spread rapidly and to-night it is still raging, traveling in a northwesterly direction, burning corn fields, meadows, fences, etc. The farmers are unable to control the flames, and with their wives and children are almost exhausted in their combat with the fire. The damage is very heavy so far.

Death From Noxious Gas.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 18.—Three men, Fred Awe, Sr., Fred Awe, Jr., and John Schmidt, who were digging a well on Seventh avenue, died from the effects of noxious gas this morning. Young Awe went down first this morning, and soon signaled for aid. His father and Schmidt went down to assist him. They must have suffocated at once, as no signal was made. After three hours workmen pulled them up dead.

A Mayor's Son Accidentally Killed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Information of a fatal accident that will cause some disarrangement of the plans for the launching of the gunboats Nashville and Wilmington at Newport News, Va., to-morrow, reached the Navy Department this morning. It was that William Guild, the son of the Mayor of Nashville, was accidentally shot and killed at Nashville yesterday.

Fatal Train Wreck.

DECATUR (Ind.), Oct. 17.—Word has just reached here from Ceylon, seventeen miles south of here, that the pay car on the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad was wrecked, and three men killed and several badly injured. The dead are: John Malott, James Gibson and William Brown. News from the wreck is very meager, but several are known to be fatally hurt.

Bicycle Employes Strike.

TOLEDO (O.), Oct. 18.—To-day 2,500 bicycle employes went on a strike. All the bicycle factories of the city, with the exception of the Viking Works, are closed indefinitely. A long and bitter struggle is looked for. The men ask for higher wages.

A Wealthy Kansas Citizen Suicides.

OSSAWATOMIE (Kas.), Oct. 18.—George Roberts, a wealthy citizen of this place, to-day, while his family were absent at dinner, went upstairs in his home and shot himself through the heart. Poor health and old age the cause.

PAID THE DEATH PENALTY.

Thomas St. Clair and Hans Hansen Executed at San Quentin.

WERE CONVICTED OF MURDER IN THE U. S. COURTS.

A Wine-Grower Ends His Existence by Inhaling the Fumes of Gas Jets—Light Rains Fall in the Southern Section of the State—The Railroad Office at Wadsworth, Nevada, Entered by Burglars.

SAN QUENTIN, Oct. 18.—The execution of the two United States prisoners, Thomas St. Clair and Hans Hansen, for the murder of Third Mate Fitzgerald of the bark Hesper, took place this afternoon. The hour had been set at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, in order that if there should be any desire on the part of the powers at Washington to interfere there would be plenty of time. As no official communication was received, the programme as arranged by Marshal Baldwin and Warden Hale was carried out to the letter.

The men had spent the morning hours in preparation for their entry into the next world. They had plenty of advisers. St. Clair, whose real name is not known, was an Irishman and a Catholic. Father Hugh Gallagher and another priest from San Jose were at his side two hours before the drop fell, and he seemed to derive comfort from their presence. Hansen was a Baptist, and was attended by a clergyman of that faith.

The cells of the doomed men are located on the top floor of the old jute factory, and within a few feet of them is a door leading into the large storeroom where the death-dealing apparatus which has served to rid the State of many murderers stands.

A slight change had been made in the grim-looking machine. At the last execution three men had taken their turns at dropping through the single traps. The suspense of the second and third man was considered an unnecessary and additional trial. So this time it was decided that the two victims should be swung off into eternity simultaneously, and the two traps were constructed.

Promptness has always marked Warden Hale's plans in these matters. There was no exception this time. A minute or two before the clock marked 2 the door to the execution room opened. It is a narrow door and admits of the easy passage of one man at a time. Warden Hale was the first to pass through. Then followed the United States Marshal, after who came St. Clair, bound and supported by guards. Father Gallagher and Father Hagan attended closely, and after them came Hansen and Rev. Petersen. Guards Amos Lunt and Arbagast closed the little procession.

The prisoners were assisted up the steep stairs and were placed on the traps. The spectators stood closely around the scaffold, watching every movement of the men and every expression of their faces. A dead silence fell on the throng, and almost before they were aware the moment had arrived the traps swung downward and the two bodies slipped through and swung to and fro in the little inclosure beneath the platform.

As usual at San Quentin the drop did its work effectively. The men were apparently lifeless the instant after their muffled forms tightened the rope.

The doctors in attendance crowded around, and a careful observation was made of the heart beats and pulses of the dying men. After life had been declared extinct the remains were placed in the rude boxes which the prison supplies. Hansen's body was given into the custody of Miss Petersen, to whom he had been engaged to be married since boyhood, and a committee representing a Danish society of San Jose. Miss Petersen has been in the town of San Quentin since yesterday. She was devotedly attached to her lover, and yesterday announced her determination to follow him to the grave.

St. Clair's remains were given into the custody of an undertaker from San Rafael, where they will be interred.

Both men died game, but they made no speeches.

Hansen's pulse ceased to beat at the expiration of 19 minutes and St. Clair's at 15. The necks of both were broken by the fall.

The executions were witnessed only by Marshal Baldwin, four deputies and twelve doctors. Newspaper men and others were excluded.

DRIVEN TO SHELTER.

A Wild Man Captured and Landed in Jail.

SANTA BARBARA, Oct. 18.—A wild man who has been living in the hills back of Carpenteria and causing a reign of terror among the inhabitants, was driven to seek shelter from the rain last night, and was captured and brought here, where he was given a short sentence for vagrancy. The man talks wildly and disconnectedly, and states that he is an escaped inmate of the State Insane Asylum at Rochester, Minn., where he was confined for three years, having succeeded in getting away three months ago. A coat that he wears has the asylum stamp, and bears out his story.

He claims to be a resident of Faribault, Minn., and states that his two brothers, Dutton and Charles Moses, reside in that place. The authorities here have communicated with the Rochester officials. Speculation is rife as to whether this is not the notorious wild man of the Ojai Valley, who has terrified campers in the Matilja this summer.

SUICIDE WITH GAS.

A German Wine-Grower Puts an End to His Existence.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—Ernest Boehme, a German wine-grower, aged 39, was found dead on the floor in a room at 1325 Octavia street at 6:55 this morning, with the gas issuing from two gas jets.

M. Von Stach, proprietor of the house, went to Boehme's room on detecting the smell of gas, and when he opened the door he found Boehme's prostrate body lying on the floor directly behind the door. Boehme had probably made up his mind to commit suicide, but, when death stared him in the face, had lost his courage and staggered to the door with the intention of opening it and giving an alarm, but had sunk to the floor.

Death of a Train Flagman.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18.—Trains were not flagged properly to-night at the Macey-street crossing of the Terminal Railway. On investigation it was discovered that O. S. Majors, the flagman, had waved his last signal. He was found at 11 o'clock reposing at the signal station in his last sleep. The deceased was 78 years of age, and left quite a large family. He had resided in Los Angeles about twelve years. Heart failure was probably the cause of his death.

The Odd Fellows' Encampment.

STOCKTON, Oct. 18.—The forty-first Grand Encampment of the Odd Fellows has passed into the history of the order. The city is being rapidly deserted by the patriarchs, and every train carried away members of the various cantons to their homes.

Previous to adjournment Grand Patriarch Reed made the following appointments: Grand Marshal, Frank Matteson of No. 80; Grand Sentinel, Joseph Foster of No. 58; Deputy Grand Sentinel, E. Dunker of No. 7. Grand Scribe Barnes' financial report shows the funds of the encampment to be in excellent shape.

W. Wood Defeats Silkwood.

SANTA ANA, Oct. 18.—To-day's races marked another defeat for Silkwood by his old rival W. Wood. The race was a great disappointment as regards time, which was very slow. Silkwood was not in condition, being soft from insufficient training. A lame leg has prevented work-outs, and the horse had only been sent out seven full miles during the training season. Silkwood captured the first heat in 2:16¾. Wood won the next three in 2:09, 2:10½ and 2:12.

Half-mile run, Gladwin won, Nevere second, Belle Oak third. Time—0:50½.

Two-twenty trot, Ethel Downs won, Visalia second. Best time—2:12½.

Rain in the South.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18.—Light rains have fallen since early this morning, and the indications are that they will continue throughout the day. At Ventura and San Luis Obispo heavy showers are reported, and from various other points in Southern California reports come of showers. The rain will effect no damage, as the raisin crop is practically out of the way. Rain now will allow early plowing and help trees.

The Treadwell Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—Louise Buchanan, whose presence is so necessary in the Treadwell case, and for whom police and detectives have been searching for some time, was located to-day by Detective Frost of San Jose in a house on Post street in this city. She is a willing prisoner, and will appear in court on October 21st, when the celebrated case will be called.

Burglary at Wadsworth.

RENO (Nev.), Oct. 18.—The Southern Pacific ticket office at Wadsworth was entered by burglars last night and the till robbed of $45. The robbers have not been captured. Burglaries and petit larceny acts are becoming very numerous there and the citizens talk of organizing a Citizens' Committee to drive all questionable characters out of town.

Trains Will Run to the Race Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—The last piece of land that was necessary to secure a full right-of-way to the new race track has been secured by Adolph Spreckels, President of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club, and work upon the new railroad which is to run out to it will be commenced at once.

Judge Brunson's Will.

SAN BERNARDINO, Oct. 18.—Judge Brunson's last will and testament was filed in the County Clerk's office this morning. It revives the sensation of a few years ago by confirming the Judge's gifts to Mrs. Mary O. H. Stoneman, wife of the late Governor.

Convicted of Manslaughter.

UKIAH, Oct. 18.—John Ginochio was convicted this afternoon of manslaughter, for killing James Burger, on July 3d of this year.

TOPICS OF THE TURF.

CLOSE OF A SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT LEXINGTON.

Results of the Racing at San Francisco, St. Louis, Latonia and Detroit.

LEXINGTON, Oct. 18.—The 1895 meeting of the Kentucky Horse Breeders' Association closed to-day in a blaze of glorious compliment from visiting horsemen, and in fact everyone who has attended for the past ten days has only complimentary words to express of its being in every sense a success. This being a free day, 9,000 people came out and every walk of life was represented. Summaries:

First race, unfinished, 2:28 trot, purse $500, Carrillon won, Forester second, Kodras third. Best time—2:19.

Second race, the Wilson Stake, for 2:25 pacers, value $2,000, Bert Oliver won, Rachel second, Morelia third. Best time—2:08¼.

Third race, the Blue Grass Stake, for 2:19 trotters, value $2,000, Lady Wilton won, Utility second, Annine third. Best time—2:11¼.

Fourth race, Ashland Stake, for yearling trotters, mile dash, value $2,000, Nahesa won, Blessing second, Preston third. Time—2:41¼.

AT SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—Weather fine, attendance good and track fast.

Five furlongs, Decision won, Moran second, Von Dunk third. Time—1:03¼.

Five furlongs, selling, Leonwill won, Gondola second, De Groat third. Time—1:02.

About six furlongs, selling, Imp. Miss Brummel won, Monitor second, Belle Boyd third. Time—1:13¼.

About six furlongs, handicap, McLight won, Rosebud second, Mainstay third. Time—1:11¼.

One mile, selling, Charmer won, Warrago second, Little Bob third. Time—1:42.

AT ST. LOUIS.

FAIR GROUNDS, ST. LOUIS, Oct. 18.—Summaries: Five and a half furlongs, Mermaid won, Startling second, Captain Pickerell third. Time—1:10¼.

Five and a half furlongs, May Ashley won, Jack Martin second, Siddubia third. Time—1:10½.

One mile and seventy yards, Constant won, Sallie Woodford second, Fra Diavolo third. Time—1:47¼.

Seven and a half furlongs, Assigne won, Addie Buchanan second, Booze third. Time—1:35¼.

Five and a half furlongs, Ardelle won, Findout second, King Elm third. Time—1:09¾.

AT LATONIA.

LATONIA (Ky.), Oct. 18.—Summaries: One mile, Peabody won, Master Fred second, Charley Webb third. Time—1:43¾.

Six furlongs, Fair Faith won, Canewood second, Whyota third. Time—1:15¼.

Five furlongs, Cochiz won, Kirk second, Burley Leaf third. Time—1:02¼.

Eleven-sixteenths of a mile, Bessie Bisland won, Norman second, Mortelonso third. Time—1:49.

Five and a half furlongs, Epona won, Souffle second, Marquise third. Time—1:09.

One mile, Leaflet won, Walter second, Elise third. Time—1:42¼.

AT DETROIT.

DETROIT, Oct. 18.—Summaries: Five-eighths of a mile, Santa Cruz won, Mamie Sullivan second, Bird Catcher third. Time—1:03¾.

Six and a half furlongs, Addie B. won, Somnambulist second, Marbie Rock third. Time—1:23.

Four and a half furlongs, Devault won, Gailey West second, Don O'Donnell third. Time—0:57.

Three-fourths of a mile, Virgin won, Cherrystone second, Alamo third. Time—1:17.

One mile, Logan won, Miss Clark second, Peytonia third. Time—1:45.

IN RELIGION'S REALM.

Yesterday's Proceedings of the Episcopal Convention.

SUMMARY OF THE WORK ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISHED.

The Lower House Adjourns in the Midst of an Animated Debate on a Motion That in all Future Editions of the Hymnal the Name of the Savior Should Be Spelled "Jesus" Instead of "Jesu" as in Many of the Present Hymns.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 18.—Another exhibit of what the Bishop of Albany was yesterday moved in joint session to practically characterize as "this ghastly waste of time upon the veriest scaffolding," was made to the Episcopal deputies to-day. In utter disregard of the fact that both the revised constitutions and canons have been referred to committees for report three years hence, the majority of the body persisted in frittering away the time of the house upon sporadic constitutional amendments, mostly of a purely technical nature, but which were debated *ad finitum* before being referred to the appropriate committees for consideration in the next three years.

The actual work accomplished during the two sessions may be thus summed:

First—The adoption of a resolution incorporating the national hymn, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," in the hymnal.

Second—The tabling of a provision providing that the next convention be held in other structure than a church.

Third—Concurrence with the House of Bishops in the nomination of Rev. P. T. Rowe as Bishop of Alaska.

Fourth—Rejection on grounds of prerogative of the proposed erection of a missionary jurisdiction in Japan, with Rev. Rowe as Bishop.

Fifth—Consenting to letting a part of the diocese of Minnesota as a missionary jurisdiction.

Sixth—Indefinite postponement of consideration of the Bishop's message to Swedish orders.

When the House adjourned at 6 o'clock it was in the midst of an animated debate on a motion that in all future editions of the hymnal the name of the Savior should be spelled "Jesus" instead of "Jesu," as in many of the present hymns.

Ex-Governor Prince of New Mexico and Dr. Schouler of Easton, Pa., were the sponsors of the resolution in behalf of which it was claimed that the abbreviated form "Jesu" was unnatural, strained and repellant. Doctors Huntington and Greer of New York had spoken in the affirmative and Dr. Newell of Milwaukee in the negative, when an effort to shelve the matter by reference to a committee was defeated by 105 to 75. Then both the debate and the House were adjourned.

The House of Bishops was more industrious. Besides considering at length the subject matter of the pastoral letter which will bring the convention to a close on Tuesday and discussing the canon on marriage and divorce, it cleared its calendar of numerous items.

On the proposition of the Deputies to permit in future the binding of the hymnal with the prayer-book, it adopted this resolution: "That in the opinion of this house the resolution of the General Conference of 1871, which forbids the binding of the hymnal with the book of common prayer, ought not to be rescinded, it being all important to guard the popular mind against a confusion of ideas as to what the prayer-book is and what is included in its contents."

The Bishops insisted upon the use in the constitution of the "synod" instead of convention. On this point the Bishops of Kentucky, New York and Delaware were appointed to confer with a committee from the lower house. It was decided to permit the setting off of a portion of the diocese of North Carolina as a missionary jurisdiction, but without a Bishop until it can support one.

When the Bishops adjourned debate was in progress on a canon permitting the election of missionary Bishops for new jurisdictions at special sessions between the General Conferences. Under the present canons such special sessions can only elect to fill vacancies.

To-night both houses again met in joint session for the discussion of questions relating to the mission field.

The action of the House of Deputies in returning to the House of Bishops the nomination of Rev. Joseph Marshall Francis as Bishop of the jurisdiction of Kyoto, Japan, on account of certain irregularities, may result in a contest between the two houses. It seemed at first to be merely a matter of insistence upon the rights and privileges of the lower house, but it may develop into something more serious. The Bishops sent in the name of the nominee to the Bishopric without even notifying the Deputies that they desired to create the jurisdiction and asking them to concur in that desire. The committee to whom the nomination was referred took umbrage at this slight and reported in favor of referring back the matter to the Bishops. When the matter got back to the House of Bishops that body at once withdrew the message and substituted two others for it—one asking the house to concur in the erection of the missionary jurisdiction of Kyoto and the other asking confirmation of the Rev. Francis to the Bishopric. These messages are still pending.

This is not the end of the trouble. Although the house sent the appointment back to the Bishops on a technical point, it is said that the fact that Mr. Francis is *persona non grata* to many of the Deputies, had something to do with their action. It is significant in this connection that just before adjournment of the morning session the Deputies confirmed the appointment of Rev. Peter Rowe to be missionary of Alaska, but took no action on Mr. Francis' appointment, though the substituted measures affecting his appointment had been returned from the upper house. There is a widespread opposition to the election of Mr. Francis, and it is a question as to whether his appointment will be confirmed or not. He is said to be a member of an order in the church which is not very popular with some churchmen, the "Confraternity of Blessed Sacrament," and it also declared that if he were to go into the missionary work in Japan he would have to work alone, because he would be unable to get any priests who would work under him.

CAUSE OF TEMPERANCE.

Proceedings of the W. C. T. U. Convention at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 18.—Between 500 and 600 delegates from thirty-eight States and Territories, representing nearly 300,000 members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, congregated at Music Hall this morning to attend the twenty-second annual convention of that society.

The devoted women, whose motto is "For God and Home and Native Land," were up with the lark, and before 8:30 o'clock most of the delegates had passed into the hall, where for the next five days they will discuss all kinds of reform.

Preceding the regular session of the convention a prayer meeting conducted by Mrs. J. Fowler Willing, a noted evangelist, was held in the same hall.

As Mrs. Frances E. Willard, National President of the army of women, entered the main hall she was greeted with the Chautauqua salute by an audience that filled the building to overflowing. Over 3,000 persons had assembled to welcome the white ribbon delegates, making a total of almost 4,000 in the hall when the convention was called to order.

As Miss Willard stepped to the front of the stage, carrying a huge bunch of La France roses, the audience tumultuously applauded her. Following the drop of her gavel a crusade psalm was read, responsively, led by Miss Eliza Thomson of Hillsboro, O., who is more familiarly known in temperance circles as "Mother Thomson."

Some routine business followed the reading of the President's annual report. It was liberally punctuated with applause.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was then read by Mrs. Stevenson. Following this came the Treasurer's report.

At the afternoon session two important resolutions were presented and adopted. Mrs. A. S. Benjamin of Michigan offered the following:

Resolved, That the white ribbon women who wore the badge of peace ought never to be placed in the position of having to defend themselves from the charge that they favored the lynching of any human being whatever, and we keenly feel the false position in which we have been placed, and repudiate any action inconsistent with the law of Christ, which is totally at variance with the torture or killing of any human being without opportunity to have his case properly plead and to be tried by a jury. We place ourselves squarely on record in regard to the lynching and other lawless practice in our own or any other country, and we believe that when women have a share in making the laws such atrocities will disappear from the face of the earth.

The other resolution was presented by Mrs. Mattie McClelland Brown. It requested the sending of a greeting to the triennial Congress of the Episcopal Church now in session in Minneapolis, and earnestly requested that body to discontinue the use of fermented wines in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Music Hall, with its 4,000 seating capacity, was inadequate to accommodate the throng that crowded about the entrance at 7:30 o'clock this evening. A stream of humanity poured into the auditorium until the main floor and galleries were crowded. The doors were opened so that the hundreds massed in the foyer could hear and see the proceedings.

Mrs. Marion H. Dunham, President of the Iowa W. C. T. U., conducted devotional services. An ode to the tune of "Maryland, My Maryland," was sung.

In the absence of Governor Brown, Mayor Latrobe welcomed the delegates to the city. Rev. John F. Goucher, President of the Women's College, spoke in behalf of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the absence from the city of Cardinal Gibbons, Rev. W. E. Bartlett made the welcoming address in behalf of the Catholic clergy. He read a message from his eminence as follows:

"The temperance cause is a most vital subject in our day, as on it hangs social order with domestic peace and happiness. As the greatest number of crimes and disorder can be traced to intemperance, those who are laboring for the suppression of this vice are among the best benefactors to society and to the family. We will encourage and stimulate with renewed ardor the prosecution of the good work in which you are engaged. Yours faithfully in Christ,

"J. CARDINAL GIBBONS."

Mrs. Mary Haslup, President of the State W. C. T. U., welcomed the delegates on behalf of the State unions, and Mrs. Alice C. Robinson spoke for the city W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Mary Reed Goodale, President of the Louisiana W. C. T. U., responded to the address.

Mrs. Ella Boole, Vice-President of the W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Helen M. Stoddard, President of the Texas W. C. T. U., and Mrs. Ada Unrun also spoke, and the convention adjourned until to-morrow.

NO DAMAGE DONE.

A Railroad Accident in Which There Were No Casualties.

PAULDING (O.), Oct. 18.—Just after leaving Van Wert at 6 o'clock this morning the private car of General Manager Perris of the Ohio Central lines, which had been placed at the disposal of Governor McKinley, and was attached to the Cincinnati, Jackson and Mackinaw special train coming to this city, either jumped a switch or was thrown from the track by some person who turned the switch after the forward trucks had passed over. Beyond a good shaking up and a scare, there was no damage done.

In Governor McKinley's car there were at the time beside himself, General Bushnell, Railroad Commissioner Kirby, Frank S. Monnett, Urban H. Heister, Colonel William Caltree and three or four other men, besides half a dozen newspaper men.

The car had not gone far over the ties before all were on their feet. Mr. Kirby called on all to keep still, pulled the air-brake, and in a moment the train had stopped. After some delay the private car was left behind and the train proceeded.

AMERICAN CROOKS.

Robberies in Belgium Accredited to Citizens of the United States.

BRUGES (Belgium), Oct. 18.—On September 16th last a robbery of jewels and notes, amounting to 100,000 francs, was perpetrated in Ostend. The victims were a well-known firm of jewelers. To-day Americans, whose names are Russell, Killoran and Anderson, were arrested here on suspicion of being the men who committed the robbery. A woman supposed to be Anderson's mistress was also arrested. It is said that under the name of Anna James she is known to the English police.

The jewelry stolen was in boxes, which were, after being relieved of their contents, thrown into the sea, as they were subsequently found on the beach, where they had been washed up by the tide. The police refuse to say why they connect the men with the crime, but say they are American crooks.

But Few Were Saved.

SHANGHAI Oct. 18.—Further details of the explosion on board a transport steamer at Kungpai, near Kinchow, have been received. The entire fore part of the steamer was blown out, and the vessel sank immediately in shallow water. The third engineer, twelve of the crew and one European and ten Chinese passengers were saved, but all the other persons on board were killed by the explosion or drowned. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Packing House Burned.

FRESNO, Oct. 18.—The packing house of E. G. Chaddock & Co, of this city was destroyed by fire to-night, together with one hundred and fifty tons of raisins. Loss about $20,000, partly covered by insurance.

There is a large manufacturing establishment on the west side which employs a dentist to examine the teeth of all applicants for work. If a tooth has a cavity it must be filled or, if it is too far gone, it must be pulled. The dental work is, in most cases, done at the expense of the factory, and has proved to be wise economy. Little time is lost on account of toothaches. Teeth of employes are examined at regular intervals, whether they are giving their owners any trouble or not.—Chicago Times-Herald.

BATTLESHIP INDIANA.

The New War Vessel Earns a Premium for Her Builders.

SHE AVERAGES NEARLY SIXTEEN KNOTS AN HOUR.

Severe Storms on the Coast and in the Interior of Italy Cause Many Fatalities and Much Damage to Property—Fifteen Deaths Already Reported, With a Probability That More Will Be Recorded.

BOSTON, Oct. 18.—In her official trial trip between Cape Ann and Boone Island, a distance of thirty-one knots, the battleship Indiana made an average speed of 15.61 knots an hour for four hours. As there was a premium offered of $25,000 for every quarter knot made over fifteen, the Cramps will receive $50,000 as a bonus in excess of the contract price offered.

The speed developed by the Indiana is secondary to the wonderful manner in which the machinery worked. It was a perfect day for a trial trip. The atmosphere was brilliantly clear, and the breeze that was blowing only had weight enough to crest the sea with little whitecaps.

At 10 o'clock the Indiana approached the starting line, and at 10:30:13½ she was off. The run to Boone Island was made against the tide, and consumed two hours, two minutes and seven seconds, the ship passing the last stake boat at 12:05.

The average speed for the thirty-one knots was at the rate of 15.24 knots per hour. The speed made to Boone Island was disappointing, but on the way back was noticeably greater. It was 2:30:21 when the trial was over, just one hour, fifty-five minutes and thirty-five seconds, from Boone Island, and a total of three hours, eight minutes and twenty-eight seconds.

The engineers of the Trial Board were surprised at the wonderful performance of the engines to-day. Not the slightest difficulty developed, and they say the engines are the best they ever handled. During the last fifteen minutes of the run 11,800 horse-power was developed. The average horse-power developed was, however, 9,700, which was 700 more than required by the Government. The maximum evolutions of the screws were 131 and the average revolutions were between 128 and 130. The average steam pressure at the boilers was 165 and at the engines 161.

It is expected that the Indiana will go into commission about the first of next month.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

Fifty People Drowned in a Collision Near Cairo.

CAIRO, Oct. 18.—Heavy loss of life was caused near here by collision between a ferry-boat and a steamer. A ferry-boat which had on board sixty persons, mostly workmen, ran into the steamer and capsized. Fifty of those on board were drowned before assistance could be had.

China's Mismanaged Finances.

Mr. Beauclerk, Secretary of her majesty's legation at Pekin, reporting upon the foreign trade in China, says: "At present the only wealthy people in the country are officials or ex-officials; and not a single person can be found who has grown rich from honest industry. The requisite change in this order of things can only be affected by lapse of time and unrelaxing pressure. Meanwhile the treasury is empty; there is no money even to pay the salaries of Government officers, and the nobles and gentry see ruin staring them in the face. The creation of a national debt is intended to be the 'deus ex machina' which will solve the existing difficulty. The entire revenue which passes through the treasury is estimated at not more than £2,500,000, but the taxes actually paid probably amount to four times that sum." Respecting China's ability to meet the indemnity and other expenses, Mr. Beauclerk says that her existing debt, roughly speaking, amounts to £6,000,000; that the foreign customs revenue is about £3,000,000 per annum; and can bear, in addition to the charges already incumbent upon it, hypothecation to the extent of some £30,000,000.—London Daily News.

Another Depew Story.

Chauncey Depew tells this story: "I went to a hotel in Georgia and said to the clerk, 'Where shall I autograph?'

"'Autograph?' said the clerk.

"'Yes, sign my name, you know.

"'Oh, right here.' I signed my name in the register. In a little while in came some Georgia crackers. One of them advanced to the desk.

"'Will you autograph?' asked the clerk, with a smile.

"'Cert'nly,' said the Georgia cracker, beaming. 'Mine's rye. What's yours, fellows?'

"The clerk treated with good grace. Then he leaned back and glared at me. I felt sorry for him and somewhat conscience stricken.

"'Too bad,' I said. 'That is what comes from speaking a foreign language in one's own country.'"—Columbus Dispatch.

Painting Skulls.

A strange custom, dating back to the dark ages, has survived in some of the mountain districts of Australia