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CALAMITY AT DETROIT.

Explosion in a Newspaper Building and Its Awful Results.

AT LEAST FORTY LIVES THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN SACRIFICED.

While Twenty Others Were More or Less Seriously Injured—Occupants of the Building Meet Their Doom Without a Moment's Warning—How the Terrible Accident Occurred Yet Unexplained.

DETROIT (Mich.), Nov. 6.—At three minutes to 9 o'clock this morning the battery of boilers in the building of the Evening Journal exploded, wrecking the buildings 45 and 47 West Larned street, killing at least forty persons, wounding twenty others more or less seriously, and causing a money loss of $60,000.

The following were the casualities: The list of the identified dead is as follows: Lizzie Dappley, aged 12, employed by Davis & Company; Henry Walsh, a boy, employed by Kohl-Brand Engraving Company; John J. Reuster, aged 17, an apprentice in the employ of the Dunlap Company; George H. Soule, engraver; George Shaw, 16 years old, mailer in the Journal; Willie Hawes, 16 years old, mailer in the Journal; James Ross, stereotyper in the Journal; Wm. W. Dunlap, of the Dunlap-Rogers Typographical Supply Company; Henry Lariverie, the mailing clerk in the Detroit Journal; Walter P. Saxby, machinist employed by Dunlap & Company; L. Reiger, machinist employed by Dunlap & Company. The body of the twelfth victim recovered is that of a boy unidentified as yet.

The missing are: George J. Hiller, Kate Hiller (forewoman), Hattie Hiller, Minnie Liese, Anna Uhlik, Rose Morgan, Bertah Weidbush, John Breitenbecher, Adolph Schreiber, Jennie Neugaur, Charles Lind, Carrie Bauer (bookkeeper), Rosa Bretz, Emma Lichenberg, John Koerber, all employes of Hiller's Book-Bindery; John Bowman, 165 Chestnut street, employed by Kohl-Brand Engraving Company; Michael Ward, stereotyper in Detroit Journal; Kitty Leonard, Plumber avenue, employed by Davis & Company; Nelson Lacroix, employed in Journal engine-room; Miss Lue Fretz, aged 20, 939 Eighteenth street, apprentice in Dunlap & Company; John S. Derby, 440 Sixteenth street, carpenter working at Dunlap & Company; James Thomas, 394 Junction avenue, machinist in Dunlap & Company; Joseph Bradley, carpenter, 289 Abbott street, married, two children; Ernest Parkins, 45 Beech street, mail clerk in Detroit Journal; John Gordan, Lizzie Taylor, Eugene Wilson, John Campbell, William Reynolds.

The list of injured are: Cornelius George, foreman Journal mailing-room, seriously scalded about head and breast and injured around hips; Charles Hergert, employe at John Davis & Co., bruised around head and body and scalded; Annie O'Donoughue, legs and face crushed, badly injured on body, condition serious; H. G. Foye, cut about head and face; Albert Weber, pressman on Journal, badly burned on hand, arm and feet, scalp lacerated and unconscious, injuries probably fatal; A. D. Lynch, stereotyper, hand, arm and face burned, contusion of scalp, injuries not serious; James Holt, 16 years old, employed by Speaker Printing Company, deep gash across face, other injuries, but not serious; Martin Meyers, cut in the neck, not serious; Miss Carrie A. Speck, face cut by flying glass; Andrew Hilderscheid, lacerated by splintered glass; Thomas Williams, assistant foreman Journal composing-room, struck on head by steam pipe, injuries not serious; Frank G. Meiner, artist in Calvert Lithographing Company, seriously cut about head with glass; Joseph A. Beresford, bookkeeper in P. F. Collier & Co., slightly injured; Lucy A. Holden, 466 La Fayette avenue, stenographer in P. F. Collier & Co., slightly injured; Margaret L. Robinson, stenographer in P. F. Collier & Co., slightly injured; Joseph Vinter, bookkeeper in Davis & Co., painfully injured, but not seriously; Walter Ott, artist in Calvert Lithographing Company, hands and wrist cut; Herman Miller of Calvert Lithographing Company, knocked down and severely cut by falling glass; T. Thompson, engineer of Journal, badly cut and bruised.

The Detroit Journal was located at Shelby and Larned streets, occupying for its main offices a seventy-foot frontage on Larned street. Next east of its building and part of the same block, were two twenty-foot fronts which constituted the scene of the disaster. One of these, No. 45, was wholly occupied by John Davis & Co., salaratus manufacturers and dealers in grocer's supplies, while in the basement of the other were the two boilers which exploded.

Just above the boiler-room on the first floor was the Journal's mailing-room. The second floor was occupied by the Kohl-Brand Engraving Company and W. W. Dunlap's agency for Roger's typographical supplies. The third and fourth floors were J. George Hiller's book bindery and the top floor was the Journal's stereotyping -room.

There were three stereotypers at work in the Journal's floor, about thirty girls in the book bindery, besides the proprietor, a machinist and several others in the typographical supply shop, several engravers and assistants in the Kohl-Brand Company's rooms, and a force of clerks in the ground floor mailing- room. There were six persons in the Davis building. In the basement were the engineer, fireman and several pressmen.

The first intimation the inhabitants got of the danger was from the tremendous report, followed by a blinding cloud of debris, smoke and steam, and before this had cleared away the whole five floors and the people working on them were in one inextricable wreck. The force of the explosion had thrown down the wall between 45 and 47 Larned street, and the joists which rested on it came tumbling down, tearing themselves away from the main building. The heavy fire wall separated this building from the main building of the Journal Company. The weight of this was sufficient to withstand the shock of the explosion, and although several holes were blown through it the wall remained strong.

The firemen were there in a minute from the next corner. Near the top Annie O'Donoghue was found, her head a mass of bloody flesh, from which faint cries for a priest were constantly emitted. She was carried off to the hospital.

Then began the harrowing details of the awful calamity. One poor fellow, stunned and helpless, lay just upon the edge of the pile. He was taken out and passed to volunteer helpers. Then another, whose feet were pinioned, was reached, but it was found that he could not be released. Constant digging finally effected his release, and he was dragged out and placed in one of the ambulances. Thousands of people gathered and the police were on hand in large numbers.

Near the top of the ruins one arm and the leg of a man protruded. The remainder of the body was buried beneath the rubbish. At intervals the arm was feebly waved. The rescuers centered their efforts upon this point and worked like heroes to effect a release as quickly as possible. Many moments elapsed before he was lifted into an ambulance. At that time it was not determined whether life was extinct, but he was unconscious.

Then came the horrors of the calamity. As the workers dug into the debris and the air got into it, the furnace fires set the debris from the bindery ablaze, and the wreckers were driven back by smoke, through which, from time to time, came muffled cries for help. The firemen worked on heroically, and streams turned on the blaze soon checked the fire so that a gang of 200 laborers who had been collected could get into the debris and pull it into the street.

At 9:45 Charles Hackett was found in the third story of the ruins, in the rear, to which approach was had through the alley. He reported that there had been four or five girls on the floor with him. He did not seem to be seriously injured.

As the rescuers continued their work in front of the wrecked building the upraised arm of a man was uncovered on the sidewalk, not far from where four other bodies were taken out. It was necessary to move huge pieces of a stone windowsill and fragments of machinery before the body could be released. The victim had escaped the steam and smoke, but his head was crushed into a shapeless mass. He was identified as Henry Lariviere, a Journal mailing clerk.

Two more bodies were found at the northwest corner of the building at 12 o'clock, making four taken from that spot. They presented an awful sight as the hot bricks and smoking timbers were pulled away. One was sitting bolt upright with his back to the street. The other was just below him, and had been caught as he plunged downward headlong. This was Dunlap. The other body was that of George Shaw, a Journal clerk.

Another body was found at 12.30 It was that of a young man in blouse and overalls, and it lay under all the debris on the sidewalk, the head toward the building and the feet near the curbstone. A great block of stone had fallen upon his head, crushing it flat The top of the head burst open, and the brains were scattered all about.

The seventh body, apparently that of a machinist, was taken from the sidewalk in front of the building soon after 1 o'clock, and then the workmen were driven back while a rope was thrown over an overhanging wall, and it was pulled down by a gang of men stationed on a building across the street.

Up to 5 o'clock twelve bodies had been recovered, eleven of which had been identified. They were carried to a vacant storeroom of Mayor Pingree's on Jefferson avenue.

In the afternoon the city officers had electric lights strung about the place so that work might go on to-night. The hope of finding anyone alive was abandoned, and threatening walls were pulled down.

At 7 o'clock a new gang of workmen renewed the work, but up to 9:30 o'clock this evening no more bodies had been recovered. By to-morrow noon the whole mass of ruins will be explored, and the twenty-seven or twenty-eight bodies which still remain inthem recovered.

While the work of recovery was at its hight two rival undertakers had a quarrel over the possession of a body. While they were pulling at the body the police, whose attention was attracted to the inhuman spectacle, rushed up and separated the men. Another assistant came up with a coffin and he put the body in the box and commenced screwing down the lid. Fireman Sullivan interfered. He had assisted in dragging the body from the ruins and said the man, although burned so as to be almost unrecognizable, was still alive. The man in charge of the body refused to open the coffin, and Sullivan, thoroughly enraged, threw everybody aside and unceremoniously kicked the coffin lid off, smashing in one end at the same time.

A hasty examination proved that Sullivan was right. The man, for it was evident that the body was that of an adult, was still alive, and he was taken out and placed in a Marine Hospital ambulance. The driver and an attending physician hastened to the hospital, but the man died on the way.

The cause of the explosion is a mystery. Thomas Thompson, the engineer, came out of the wreck painfully injured. His clothes were half-torn off, and he bore little resemblance to a human being with the dirt grimed into his face and hands and the blood running from a score of cuts.

"How did it happen?" he was asked.

"Great God, I don't know," was the reply. "I don't know any more about it than you do. How many were killed?" Then he disappeared in the crowd.

Of the injured, Cornelius George and Annie O'Donoghue are the most seriously injured.

The body of Carrie M. Bower, one of the missing, was taken out of the ruins at 11 o'clock to-night. The body had hardly been touched by the flames. The body of the boy taken out of the ruins this afternoon has been identified as that of John Bowman, whose name appears in the list of missing.

The latest theory of the cause of the disaster is that the oil tank, instead of the boilers, exploded, and it is believed that this will be shown when the basement is reached.

The body of Hattie Hiller was recovered shortly after midnight, making fourteen in all.

DETROIT, Nov. 7—2 a. m.—The fifteenth body was recovered about 12:30 o'clock this (Thursday) morning. It was that of Minnie Liese, aged 25, an employ in Hiller's Book-Bindery.

The body of Michael Ward, aged 28, a Journal stereotyper, was dug out at 1:30 o'clock this morning, making sixteen bodies recovered.

WILLIAM N. HART.

Remains of the Late Journalist Laid at Rest Yesterday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—The funeral services over the remains of Wm. N. Hart, the dead journalist, were held at the First Congregational Church at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

The large edifice was well filled with the newspsper men who had worked with Mr. Hart during his journalistic life in this city, and the friends of his sorrowing mother.

The services were opened by a reading of the scriptures by Rev. Dr. Dille, after which the Press Club sang, "Home, Sweet Home." The members of the quartet were: Frank Coffin, S. E. Tucker, W. Batchelder, R. F. Tilton.

Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper, who is a warm friend of Mr. Hart's mother, delivered the funeral address. Her remarks were very eloquent, and she spoke with much feeling and sincerity. The quartet then sang again, and Dr. Dille closed the impressive services with prayer.

The coffin was beautifully decorated with flowers, and it was accompanied to the grave by the following pallbearers: Hugh Hume, Judge C. A. Low, O. Black, John Dunning, C. J. Stillwell and Ross Jackson. The interment took place in Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

Fatal Accident to a Painter.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 6.—H. Swain, a painter, fell three stories while working on a building on Sixth street, this morning, and received fatal injuries.

RETURNS FROM ELECTIONS.

Republicans Carry New York State by Over 90,000 Plurality.

ALSO PROBABLY WIN THE MAYOR'S FIGHT AT BROOKLYN.

Bradley (Rep.), for Governor, Carries Kentucky by a Safe Majority, While the Legislature Will be Very Close on Joint Ballot—Republicans Will Have a Big Majority in the Maryland Legislature—Results in Other States.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Returns received up to midnight materially increase the Republican plurality in this State. In all but half a dozen counties the figures have been filed with County Clerks, and the results compiled from their figures give Palmer (Rep.) for Secretary of State a plurality of 90,100. In nearly every county the actual Republican vote is heavier than the estimate of last night indicated.

The standing of the next Senate will be: Thirty-six Republicans and fourteen Democrats. The House will be: Republicans one hundred and three, Democrats forty-seven. In the Thirty-fourth Assembly District of this city and in the Seventeenth Senatorial District there are close contests, which may slightly change the result.

The proposition to bond the State for the $9,000,000 improvement to canals has been carried by a large majority.

In New Jersey the Republican plurality has grown until the latest returns give the State to Griggs (Rep.) for Governor by 26,700. The Legislature will stand: Senate—Republicans 18, Democrats 3; Assembly—Republicans 43, Democrats 17.

BROOKLYN, Nov. 6.—The latest indications are that Wurster (Rep.) is undoubtedly elected Mayor of Brooklyn.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, Nov. 6.—Complete returns from the State give the following: For Governor — Greenhalge (Rep.) 185,900, Kendall (Pro.) 8,766, Williams (Dem.) 121,401; plurality for Greenhalge, 64,499.

MARYLAND.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 6.—Every branch of State and city government was placed by the people of Maryland in the hands of the Republican party at yesterday's election. There has been to-day as much jubilation among Democrats throughout the State upon the result of the political upheaval as there was among the hide-bound Republicans. The Republicans elected their State ticket, Lowndes leading it with a plurality of about 17,000. Sixty-eight members of the House of Delegates and eight Senators were also elected by the Republicans. They will have forty-three majority on joint ballot. This shows a reversal of the 104 votes, the Democrats in the last Legislature having had a majority on joint ballot of sixty-one.

A Republican will go to the United States Senate to succeed Charles H. Gibson, and fourteen of the Senators elected yesterday will vote for a successor to Senator Gorman in 1898.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 6.—Late advices from the counties show that the Democrats will retain control of the State Senate but that the Republicans will have a big majority in the Legislature on joint ballot. The Democrats already had nine hold-over Senators, and thus will have a vote of fourteen in a Senate of twenty-six Senators. The Republicans had three hold-over Senators, and they will now have eleven votes. One Senatorship is still in the balance. In the House the Republicans will have a total vote of sixty-eight. The Democratic vote in the House will be but twenty-three. The Republicans will have forty-three majority on joint ballot.

KENTUCKY.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 6.—The Republicans are no less surprised than are the Democrats by the result of yesterday's election. When the delayed returns began to come in to-day Chairman Norman of the Democratic State Committee conceded the election of W. O. Bradley as Governor, and the entire Republican State ticket by pluralities ranging from 5,000 to 12,000. Mr. Hardin, who was at his home in Harrodsburg, also gave up the contest. He said he had made the best fight possible for the interests of his party, and he had nothing further to say.

A study of the returns discloses some peculiar facts. The free silver men and the sound money men "knifed" each other, one scratching Hardin and the other the remainder of the ticket.

Returns on the election of members of the Legislature are yet incomplete, but still indicate that the House will be close. The Democrats claim the election of forty-nine Representatives and the Populists one, which would make the House a tie, if the Republicans elect Representatives in the unreported counties which are generally Republican. The Democrats will have a small majority in the Senate.

IOWA.

DES MOINES (Ia.), Nov. 6.—Official returns on the elections in Iowa come in very slowly, and to-night there is nothing more in sight than was known last night. The Republican State Committee claims now that Drake will be elected by about 70,000 plurality. One feature which is developing as the returns become more complete is that the Prohibition vote of the State, which was at first supposed to have been very light, will be about 15,000, as against 5,000 two years ago. The Populist vote will likewise show a very large increase. The Democrats seem to have been the only sufferers by the light vote in the State. The Legislature is overwhelmingly Republican. It is thought now there will be seventy-five Republicans to twenty-six Democrats in the House, and forty-two Republicans and eight Democrats in the Senate. This is a much larger Republican majority than was at first expected from the returns of last night on the State ticket.

NEBRASKA.

OMAHA, Nov. 6.—Later returns only emphasize and increase the figures of the Republican triumph in the State, city and county. The Populist party in this city seems to have gone to pieces, losing over half of its vote in a year. Norval (Republican) for Judge of the Supreme Court has been elected by a plurality over Maxwell (Populist) which may reach 25,000. The Populists lost in almost every county, and even the Democrats made the better showing. The plurality of Captain W. J. Broatch, Republican candidate for Mayor, is about 1,000 over Brown (Democrat), and the remainder of the city Republican ticket is elected by from 300 to 3,000 plurality. The county ticket has been elected by a very large plurality, and every Republican candidate for Judge of the District Court has been elected. Judge C. R. Scott, the famous criminal Judge who has been bitterly criticised by the lawyers and the press of the city, ran ahead of his ticket, although there were bets that he would be defeated by 2,500.

KANSAS.

TOPEKA, Nov. 6.—The result of the election in Kansas yesterday is a great surprises to the Republicans. They have elected David Martin to be Chief Justice, of course, but instead of it being a practically unanimous vote for him, considerable opposition developed. They also have been disappointed in various localities, especially in Sedgwick County, where the resubmission Republicans helped to elect a Democrat for District Judge. In Shawnee County, until now considered a citadel of Republicanism, Kepley (Dem.) was elected Sheriff over Burdge, the Republican nominee.

COLORADO.

DENVER, Nov. 6.—Considerable excitement prevails to-night as a result of the close election for county officers. The Republican party lost the offices of Assessor and Treasurer, and late returns indicate that the office of County Clerk will also go to the Fusion candidate by less than 100 votes. Rumors of an attempt by Republicans to steal that office by fraud are afloat. The Clerkship is considered the most important political office of the lot, as the County Clerk has charge of the permanent registration books, and the struggle over this position will probably go to the courts for settlement.

UTAH.

SALT LAKE (Utah.), Nov. 6.—The election returns came in very slowly today. At 8 o'clock to-night, however, there were only a few far-away precincts to hear from, and the result is an overwhelming victory for the Republicans. The Legislature will be: Senate, thirteen Republicans and five Democrats; House, thirty-three Republicans and twelve Democrats, giving the Republicans a majority of twenty-nine on joint ballot. The few returns yet to come in may slightly change this, but not materially. The Republicans elect their entire State ticket by majorities ranging from about 900 to 1,800. It was thought early in the day that Roberts (Dem.) would be elected to Congress, but later returns gave it to Allen by about a thousand majority. The Democrats attribute their defeat to Mormon Church influence.

The vote on the adoption of the Constitution it about 35,000 for and 5,000 against.

The complexion of the Legislature, of course, gives the Republicans two United States Senators, and it is a safe prediction that Utah's Senators will be George Q. Cannon and Colonel Isaac Trumbo.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—The morning papers comment editorially upon the result of yesterday's election as follows:

The Sun (Tammany Dem.) says: "The election reveals the Republican strength in the nation compared with the Democratic strength as abnormally great. The landslide of 1894 is still sliding. New York has been held Republican by a majority that must be classed with the extraordinary majority of 1894. Tammany has made New York City appear Democratic again."

The Tribune (Rep.), says: "It is a great victory, although another like that of 1894 was not to be expected. The Republicans hold the battlefield, and if pushed in some points have gained others of larger importance. The general results of the elections are so strongly favorable that the Republicans have reason to look forward with the utmost hope."

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—The leading papers comment as follows this morning on the result of the elections:

The Recorder: "Modern Democracy, as represented by Grover Cleveland, received a knock-out blow in the tremendous Republican victory of Tuesday. First—The Democratic party in every State where elections were held indorsed the economic policy of the Administration. It commended the deficit-producing tariff and the sale of bonds to plug up the hole in the treasury, thereby increasing the national debt in time of peace. That was voted down. Second—It indorsed the 'policy of infamy' in Hawaii, the surrender at Samoa, the cowardice at Corinto, the poltroonery in Venezuela. 'No jingoism' was the tail-end of a plank in the Syracuse platform. All that was voted down. Third—Not a single Democratic State Convention had the courage to mark its disapproval of the intrigue and conspiracy for a third term for the Presidency for the sage of Buzzard's Bay and the squirrel-shooter in the Woodley woods. That abject submission of the Democratic leaders to the inordinate ambition of the 'Stuffed Prophet' was voted down. Fourth—No Democratic State Convention had the courage to reaffirm the chief Monroe doctrine of 'America for Americans.' That base abandonment of what may be called one of the unwritten articles of the Constitution was voted down. Fifth—In a word, all that Cleveland stands for was stamped out at the polls on Tuesday. Stalwart Americanism is on top."

The Sun: "The outcome of the State election is to point and emphasize the memorable lesson administered to Clevelandism in 1894. Then the American people rebuked the President's disobedience of their wishes in the Hawaiian business and the matter of the protective tariff and the income tax, not only by returning an overwhelming majority of Republicans to the House, but actually sending for the first time from the slave States to the popular branch of the Federal Legislature more than twice as many Republicans as there were Democrats elected from the former States. In the ordinary course of things one such lesson would suffice, and the people, taking for granted that their fiat would be heeded, and, receiving also in the interval some proofs of deference, would have instinctively inclined to place the two great political parties more nearly in equilibrium. That is what observers of our history mean when they say that in the United States the political pendulum is apt to swing forward and backward from year to year. Under normal circumstances we might have witnessed an oscillation of that kind. Mr. Cleveland has learned nothing and unlearned nothing. He has remained as unamerican as ever, though events have taken such a turn in Venezuela and Cuba as to render the firm maintenance of our national principles and interests the paramount and urgent duty of the Chief Magistrage. Mr. Cleveland has shown no perception of those principles and no determination to uphold those interests."

The Times: "The two things that have most confused and weakened the Democratic party in public opinion have been the favor and fear shown toward the advocates of free silver and the potent though not unrebuked or unresisted influence of Gormanism. These may be regarded as permanently disposed of by the elections in Kentucky and Maryland. Through this riddance the party is immensely strengthened."

GOVERNOR BUDD AT OAKLAND.

Makes an Inspection of the Home for Adult Blind.

OAKLAND, Nov. 6.—Governor Budd, with Colonel James of his staff, inspected the Home for Adult Blind this morning. He came in unaware, so that no preparation had been made for his reception. He had no adverse comments to make about the conduct of the home by Superintendent Saunders. He looked over the books to see how the accounts were kept. He also went all over the buildings and talked with some of the inmates. He remarked that the supplies were good in quality and were purchased cheaper than some of the other State institutions. He also said that the grounds were well kept. The Governor left at 1 o'clock for San Francisco to keep an appointment there.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—Governor Budd will return to Sacramento to-morrow, and will remain there until the end of the week.

Spar for an English Yacht.

VANCOUVER (B. C.), Nov. 6.—The Hastings mill is shipping for England by the Norweigan bark Prince Louis a mammoth spar for a crack English racing yacht. The name of the yacht has been kept secret, but it must be one of large dimensions, since the spar measures 120 feet in length, 28 inches in circumference at the butt and 26 inches at the top. The spar is one of the most perfect pieces of ship timber ever exported from British Columbia.

OUTRAGE IN TURKEY.

Wholesale Massacres Reported From Many Directions.

VICTIMS INCLUDE MARONITES AND GREEKS.

Opinion Growing That the Sultan Has Ordered the Extermination of Armenians—The Excitement Spreading to Syria, Bagdad and Mossoul—Police Raid a Turkish Quarter of Sedik Pasha, Many Lives Being Lost in the Conflict.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—The Standard tomorrow will print the following dispatch from Constantinople, under date of November 5th:

The Embassadors met again yesterday. It is rumored that we are on the eve of decisive European action. A great Moslem demonstration had been arranged for November 1st, but the Sultan, fearing the consequences, sent a notice to the Turkish newspapers of his intention to proclaim a Constitution. This becoming known, the affair was countermanded. Another order was then issued which canceled the previous order. The arrests began to be made.

The police last night raided the Turkish quarter of Sedik Pasha, and were resisted. Many lives were lost in the conflict.

A fresh batch of revolutionary placards were posted to-day, some of them directed at the Porte.

It is said that a letter was found on the Sultan's table urging him to abdicate within ten days, and declaring that unless he heeded the warning he would be murdered.

Reports of wholesale massacres reach the Embassies from all directions. The victims include Maronites and Greeks. The opinion grows, even in diplomatic circles, that the Sultan has ordered the extermination of the Armenians. The excitement is spreading to Syria, Bagdad and Mossoul.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—A Constantinople dispatch which the Chronicle will print to-morrow says that it is reported that a battalion of regular troops has surrendered to the Armenians at Chikour Hissai, near Zeitoun. The same dispatch says that an English resident of Constantinople has learned from his business agent that the number of victims of the massacre in Anatolia must be estimated at 1,000.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—The Standard tomorrow will print the following dispatch from Vienna: The Porte, in replying to the demand of the foreign Embassadors for the restoration of order throughout the Turkish empire, announced that the reserves in the Trelbizond district had already joined the colors, and that others were joining elsewhere. Moreover, the members of the Rediff, or Landwehr, of the first class had been summoned, and were marching to join their regiments.

STRANDED VESSELS.

A German Steamship Ashore Off the Canadian Coast.

QUEBEC, Nov. 6.—The Signal Service reports from Little Metis light say that the German steamship Canadia of the Hamburg-American Packet Company, from Hamburg and Antwerp for Montreal, with a general cargo of passengers, is ashore at Little Metis light, 175 miles below Quebec, with her bottom cracked and tanks full of water. The passengers and crew are safe. The Canadia had on board eighty-three passengers, all of whom were safely landed at St. Ulrica, a small village on the coast at the mouth of the River Blanc. They proceeded from there to Little Metis, where they are now quartered in charge of the purser of the ship.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—A dispatch from Yarmouth says that a brig, the name or nationality of which could not be ascertained, foundered off that place to-day, and all on board were lost.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—Advices from Concepcion, Chile, state that the British steamship Inchulva, from Cardiff via Las Palmas for Acapulco, before reported wrecked, foundered. All on board were saved.

A ROBBER CAPTURED.

Bert Hawley, the Diamond Thief, in Custody at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 6.—Bert Hawley, diamond thief, robber and embezzler, who is wanted for stealing $30,000 worth of diamonds from the guests of the Everett House, New York, and tapping the safe in the same hotel for several hundred dollars, was caught last night by city detectives, who had been searching for him for more than a year, aided by the police of other cities.

Proprietors and guests of hotels where he obtained clerical employment are the chief victims of Hawley's crookedness. In Cleveland he went by the name of Woods, and got a position in one of the large hotels. The second night Hawley and $10,000 worth of jewelry were missing from the house. Hawley next turned up in Lincoln, Neb., under the alias of Morris, and made a rich haul. In Omaha Brooks was his name, and one of the hotels fell a victim to his cleverness. A few weeks ago Hawley came here and became a clerk at the Tower Hotel, on Stony Island avenue, but the proprietor soon found the cash short, and discharged him.

New York officers will arrive here tomorrow with requisition papers. Hawley says he will fight extradition.

FATAL FIRE AT BROOKLYN.

A Family of Six Persons Burned to Death.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—A family of six persons was burned to death in a tenement house fire at 311 Van Brunt street, Brooklyn, shortly after 1 o'clock this morning.

The dead are: Charles Ryan, aged 45 years; Ellen Ryan, 45 years old, wife of Charles Ryan; Johanna Ryan, 20 years of age, daughter of above; Sarah Ryan, 17 years of age, daughter of above; Maggie Ryan, 14 years old, daughter of above; Lizzie Ryan, 12 years old, daughter of above.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but there are indications that it may have been started by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

NEVILLE-ITURBIDE AFFAIR.

Rumors That Steps Have Been Taken to Engage in a Duel.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Social and club circles in Washington have been for the past two days more than ordinarily agitated by statements that had good foundation to the effect that a difficulty had occurred between Robert Neville and Prince Iturbide of Mexico of so serious a character that it required great forbearance on the part of one or both of these men to prevent a physical encounter. Immediately rumors of a hostile meeting according to the code of honor were actively circulated, only to be met by a subsequent statement to the effect that mutual friends had pacified all ill-feeling.

To-night however, other rumors that cannot by any means be verified have startled their friends, and these are to the effect that actual steps have already been made towards a hostile encounter to take place at the junction of the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. Some say that in order to avoid the vigilance of the authorities, the seconds of the gentlemen who are to face each other at the regulation distance left yesterday for McClellandsville, Del., or a point contiguous to that place, where any preliminaries not already arranged will be quietly conducted.

Whether the rumors are true or false is a point that to those who have been edified by a recital of them would prove of no little interest. Up to a late hour tonight searches for the principals in the difficulty have not been rewarded by meeting them, and their most intimate friends have no knowledge of what their movements are at the present time.

AUSTIN REGATTA.

The Americans Defeated in the Double-Scull Race.

AUSTIN (Tex.), Nov. 6.—The weather was fine to-day, and a large attendance saw the regatta races. The great event of the day was the final heat of three miles with a turn, double sculls, for the world's championship and a purse of $1,000, between England's champions, Bubear and Barry, and America's flyers, Teemer and Rogers. Both crews were in the pink of condition, and the course, with a gentle south breeze blowing over it, was all the sportsmen could desire. The start was made in excellent style, Teemer and Rogers taking water slightly ahead. Bubear and Barry followed, and a few sweeping strokes sent them ahead of the Americans, and as they passed the first quarter stake a full boat's length of daylight was between them.

The Americans were pulling straight up the course, sticking to their oars at a thirty-eight clip. At the three-quarter stake the English were only half a boat's length ahead. Bubear and Barry were evidently not alarmed, and pulled away with a beautiful stroke. The Americans continued to gain on them, and both crews rounded the mile and half flag together. Down the home stretch they were neck and neck.

At the three-quarters stake the Englishmen had forged ahead about half a boat's length. The Americans again expressed themselves, and as they neared the last quarter flag the boats were about even, and kept that way until within an eighth of a mile of the home line. At this point Bubear and Barry spurted, and with a fifty-five stroke crossed the finishing line at least a couple of boat lengths ahead.

Official time, 17:40, which breaks the world's record of 18:02.

The Great Northern Trouble.

ST. PAUL (Minn.), Nov. 6.—To-night's reports from points along the Great Northern indicate that less than one hundred employes of the company have left their places at all points. A few are out in Washington, a few in Montana, a few more in North Dakota and about a dozen in Minnesota. There is apparently no delay in the running of trains except at Devil's Lake and Kalispel.

SPOKANE (Wash.), Nov. 6.—The strike situation on the Great Northern has taken a new turn to-night. United States Judge Hanford, sitting at Walla Walla, has issued an injunction restraining the strikers from interfering in any manner with the property of the company or the running of trains. No more men went out to-day, but the A. R. U. continue to hold nightly sessions, and have appointed a Strike Committee.

EVENTS ON THE TURF.

Good Attendance at the Bay District Track Yesterday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—Weather fine, attendance good, track sloppy.

Five furlongs, Nic Nac won, Artemus second Canvasback third. Time—1:03¾.

Five and one-half furlongs, Encino won, Jack Atkins second, Last Chance third. Time—1:11.

Mile and six furlongs, Flirtilla won, Rogation second. Only two starters. Time—3:20.

Five and one-half furlongs, Three Forks won, Abi P. second, Johnny Payne third. Time—1:11½.

Five and one-half furlongs, Mainstay won, Realization second, Lady Gray third. Time—1:10¾.

One mile, Montana won, Mamie Scott second, Hy Dy third. Time—1:45.

Fair Will Contest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—All parties interested positively deny the story printed in a morning paper that the Fair will contest has been compromised. Trustee W. S. Goodfellow, one of the executors under the Fair will, says the statement is absolutely false. Herman Oelrichs and Charles L. Fair corroborated the denials made by their attorneys. It is said, however, that Oelrichs has been trying to arrange a compromise. In the meantime preparation for the contest goes on.

Ordered to Report at Seattle.

VALLEJO, Nov. 6.—Orders were received by the Commandant at the Navy Yard, Mare Island, to-day, detaching Assistant Naval Constructor Lawrence Spear, U. S. N., from duty here, and ordering him to proceed without delay to Seattle and assume duty as Superintendent of Construction of the gunboat to be built by Moran Brothers.

Headquarters of Company F.

CHICO, Nov. 6.—Colonel Henshaw received a dispatch from Adjutant-General A. W. Barrett at Sacramento, to-day saying:

"The Board of Location has approved the change of headquarters of Company F, Eighth Infantry, Third Brigade, N. G. C., from Oroville to Chico."

Cut Rate War.

SEATTLE (Wash.), Nov. 6.—A cut rate war between the Northern Pacific and Southern Pacific coastwise roads on one side, and the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company on the other, is announced this morning. The railroads gave notice to-day that a $15 first-class rate from Puget Sound points to San Francisco would prevail.

United Brethren Conference.

SELMA, Nov. 6.—The State Conference of the United Brethren Church and the California branch of the Young Peoples' Christian Union are now in session here. Delegates are present from all parts of the State.

Six to Six.

SAN BERNARDINO, Nov. 6.—The jury in the Button murder case was called into court this morning after an all-night session. They stood six to six, and were dismissed by the court, who set the case for retrial December 16th.

Trial of Jack Brady.

MARYSVILLE, Nov. 6.—The trial of bandit Jack Brady will commence in earnest to-morrow. The jury was completed this afternoon. A large number of witnesses have already arrived.

Wedding at San Jose.

SAN JOSE, Nov. 6.—William Vinter and Mrs. Dora Frost, the widow of the late Elezer Frost, were quietly married here last Friday.

Football at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Nov. 6.—The football game to-day resulted in a score of 28 to 0 for the Reliances of Oakland.