

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN A MICHIGAN TOWN.

An Attorney Assassinate the President of a Lumber Company,

Then Kills His Wife, Three Children and Himself.

A Fierce Wind and Hallstorm, Amounting Almost to a Cyclone in Some Places, Visited Southeastern Iowa—A Number of Farm Houses Blown Away—Hall Falls to the Depth of Three Inches.

PENTWATER (Mich.), April 10.—S. B. Minshall, an attorney of this town, made a successful attempt last night to assassinate William B. O. Sands, President of the Sands & Medwell Lumber Company.

Sands had been working in the office of the company and started home about 9:30 o'clock. When within a few rods of his home a man jumped out from behind a tree and fired at him. Sands broke into a run, the assassin following him closely and firing at his victim every few seconds. Five shots in all were fired, two striking Sands in the arm and one in the leg. As Sands reached his door he fell, and his assailant, probably thinking he had killed him, turned and fled. Sands' cries for help aroused members of his household, and a physician was summoned and the police notified.

STORM IN IOWA.

It Causes Great Damage in the South-eastern Portion.

OTTUMWA (Ia.), April 10.—A fierce wind and hailstorm visited Southwestern Iowa early this morning amounting almost to a cyclone in some places. A heavy rain, accompanied by large hailstones and a high wind, visited Lucas and caused the inhabitants to seek protection in caves. South of town the storm assumed the velocity of a cyclone. Scoville's barn, containing a carriage and farm implements, was blown away, and scattered all over that section similar occurrences are also reported. It is impossible to estimate the damage. No one was hurt. A number of farm buildings were blown away and barns and trees were demolished. The damage and ruin through the section is very heavy. Hail fell two or three inches deep along the Burlington and Wabash Railroads.

WINTER GRAIN.

Bulletin Issued by the Agricultural Department.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The Department of Agriculture this afternoon issued a bulletin of the condition of winter grain and health of livestock April 1, 1896, which says that consolidated reports from townships, county and State correspondents show the condition of winter wheat is as follows: Ohio 56, Michigan 52, Indiana 77, Kentucky 70, Illinois 81, Missouri 75, Kansas 80, California 91; average for the entire country, 77.1; last year, 81.4.

HAWAIIAN CABLE.

General Swayne Heard Before the House Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—General Swayne of New York to-day made a statement to the House Committee on Commerce in the interest of the Spaulding Cable Company, which is competing with the Scribner Company for the Government subsidy for a cable to the Hawaiian Islands and Japan. General Swayne resented the charge made against his company that it was under English influence and inspired by Sir John Pender. He stated that his company would meet any offer of terms made by the other company. The lowest subsidy he was willing to accept without consultation with his company was \$160,000 a year for twenty years. It was unnecessary for such a company to extend its line, he said, because there were already sufficient cable facilities between Japan and China.

DUEL IN GERMANY.

One of the Participants Thought to be Fatally Wounded.

BERLIN, April 10.—A duel with pistols was fought this morning near Potsdam between Liebrecht Von

Kotse, Court Chamberlain, and Baron Von Schrader, Master of Ceremonies of the Prussian Court, in which the latter was severely wounded in the right breast.

The conditions of the duel were that the principals should stand ten paces apart and shoot until one was disabled. The combat grew out of the old scandal connected with the writing of a series of anonymous letters affecting the character of a number of court personages which Von Kotse was suspected of having written. He was subsequently exonerated, however, and has since been involved in several encounters with persons who had accused him or intimidated their suspicions of his guilt.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Meeting of the Committee in Charge of Arrangements.

CHICAGO, April 10.—For several hours this afternoon and evening the sub-committee of the Democratic National Committee which has charge of the arrangements for the convention of July 7th was in session at the Palmer House. Those present were: Chairman W. F. Harrity, Philadelphia; J. D. Sprather, Missouri; Thomas H. Sherley, Kentucky; Secretary Sherin, Indiana, and Judge Adam Goodrich, who held a proxy for Congressman Ben C. Wall. Harrity also held a proxy for E. C. Wall of Wisconsin. The entire proceedings were conducted in executive session.

A delegation from the local committee was first received and assured the National Committee that of the fund of \$40,000 that had been guaranteed when the convention was given to Chicago more than one-half had been raised, and that the balance would be forthcoming whenever it was required. The report was regarded as eminently satisfactory. The statement was made unofficially that a check for \$20,000, or one-half of the guarantee, would be presented to Chairman Harrity to-morrow.

President John T. Dickinson, who was present with other officers of his company, submitted data of the contractors showing that the coliseum would be ready for occupation six weeks in advance of the date set for the convention. Plans of the proposed interior arrangements for the convention were submitted, and it was agreed that they should be carefully examined to-morrow.

MATABELE WAR.

British Forces Able to Hold Out Against the Natives.

LONDON, April 10.—In the House of Commons to-day Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, stated in reply to a question on the subject that the British forces in Matabeleland would be able to hold out against the natives who are now in revolt, and that they would even take the offensive when the whites in the outlying districts had been gathered in. Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of the Cape Colony, he said, had expressed the opinion that these forces, together with the companies which were being formed at Mafeking would be sufficient to crush the insurrection.

Secret Anarchist Organization.

BERLIN, April 10.—The "Herold" bureau circulates the report that the police have discovered in South Germany the existence of a secret anarchist organization of wide ramifications. The police, pursuing this discovery, searched the houses of the well-known anarchists Lindemann and Huber in Munich, where they seized 1,800 collection tickets designed to be issued for the solicitation of funds, together with a large number of copies of a leading socialist newspaper.

Severe Gale Raging.

ST. JOHNS (N. F.), April 10.—A severe gale is raging at St. Pierre Miquelon. The French schooner Noisiel, fish-laden, dragged her anchor while lying in the roadstead and was driven ashore a total wreck. This morning the Gloucester schooner Henry Stanley had a narrow escape from being blown on the rocks. The storm is increasing, and it is feared that other vessels will be lost. The crews of the Noisiel and Mazurka were saved.

Ruth Cleveland Has the Measles.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Ruth Cleveland developed a case of measles this morning. Little Esther and the children of Private Secretary Thurber, who have the same disease, are getting along nicely. A Cabinet meeting was held as usual to-day.

Alaska to be Represented.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The Senate Committee on Territories this morning ordered a favorable report on the bill providing for the election of a delegate in Congress from the Territory of Alaska.

THE INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

Main Portion of the Senate's Attention Taken Up in Its Discussion.

Long Debate Over Abolishing System of Contract Schools.

No Programme of Affairs Submitted by President Cleveland at the Cabinet Meeting Yesterday, Nor Were Any of the Other Plans Outlined in the Sensational Dispatches Brought Forward.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The main portion of the session of the Senate to-day was taken up by the Indian appropriation bill, the House proposition abolishing the system of contract schools for Indian children giving rise to a long and rather interesting discussion. There was almost an unanimity of sentiment against a sudden change of system from contract schools to Government schools, and there was an almost equal unanimity for such a gradual change as would not do injustice either to the religious societies which had established the schools or to the Indian children who attended them. The matter went over, however, without action.

Later in the day a joint resolution relating to the imprisonment of Mrs. Maybrick in England was introduced by Call of Florida, to the apparent annoyance of Sherman of Ohio, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, who declared that such a proposition should not have been introduced, as the Senate had no jurisdiction over the subject. He moved to lay the joint resolution on the table, but finally consented to have it referred to the Judiciary Committee, which disposition was made of it.

IN THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—General debate was concluded to-day upon the "filled cheese" bill, which was begun yesterday afternoon. The chief advocates of the measure were Messrs. Grosvenor (Rep.) of Ohio, Tawney (Rep.) of Minnesota and Dooliver (Rep.) of Iowa. It was opposed by Messrs. McMillan (Dem.) of Tennessee, Otey (Dem.) of Virginia, Evans (Rep.) of Kentucky, Linney (Rep.) of North Carolina and others.

PACIFIC RAILROADS.

House Committee Considering the Bill to Settle Their Indebtedness.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Ten of the House Committee on Pacific Railroads met this afternoon and considered for two hours the bill to settle the indebtedness of the Central and Union Pacific Railroads to the Government, which was prepared by a joint sub-committee of the House and Senate a few days ago, the principal provisions of which have been already made public.

Knapp's Imprisonment Denied.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 10.—The reports that the Rev. George P. Knapp, the American missionary who was expelled from Billa, is imprisoned at Darbekt, that the Sultan intends to expel all missionaries from the Turkish dominions, and that there is a panic at Suedian owing to the presence of an uncommon number of troops, are all officially denied.

Manitoba School Question.

OTTAWA (Ont.), April 10.—The House of Commons, in the Committee of the Whole, is still wrestling with the compromise on the Manitoba school question, which was made at 2:30 o'clock this morning. The House has now been in continuous session 112 hours.

Fortification Bill.

The House Committee Completes Its Report.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The House Appropriations Committee to-day completed the fortifications appropriation bill for the coming fiscal year, and dis-

lected Hainer of Nebraska to report it to the House.

The measure, as agreed to recommends specific appropriations amounting to \$5,842,337, and in addition gives authority to the Secretary of War to make contracts involving the further expenditure of \$5,542,276, under the Engineer and Ordnance Departments, making a total expenditure authorized by the bill of \$11,384,613. Among the items in the bill is one appropriating \$5,200,000 for gun and mortar batteries, and \$250,000 for sites for fortifications. Another item appropriates \$44,500 for the improvement of Benicia Arsenal, California.

THE CUBAN RESOLUTIONS.

No Programme of Action Yet Outlined by the President.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The Cabinet meeting to-day lasted an hour and a half, and was apparently devoid of any exciting features. No programme of action on Cuban affairs was submitted by the President, nor were any of the other plans outlined in sensational dispatches brought forward. Every indication points to the President taking his own time and acting in his own way, if he acts at all, on the concurrent Cuban resolutions of Congress. Much emphasis is laid by those supposed to be close to the President upon this passage in his annual message: "Whatever may be the traditional sympathy of our countrymen as individuals with a people who seem to be struggling for larger autonomy and greater freedom, deepened as such sympathy naturally must be in behalf of our neighbors, yet the plain duty of their Government is to observe in good faith the recognized obligations of international relationship."

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

THE VOLUME OF BUSINESS HAS NOT INCREASED.

Neither Has There Been Any Appreciable Advance in Prices Since the First of the Month.

NEW YORK, April 10.—R. G. Dun & Co. will say to-morrow in their weekly review of trade:

Failures for the past week have been 290 in the United States, against 207 last year, and 33 in Canada, against 27 last year. The volume of business has not on the whole increased, nor have prices appreciably advanced since April 1st, when the range for all commodities was the lowest ever known in this country. Breadstuffs and iron products have risen slightly, but some other articles have declined, and the root of the matter is that demand for consumption is still below expectations.

COLONEL JOHN COCKERELL.

A Well-Known Newspaper Man Suddenly Dies in Egypt.

CAIRO (Egypt), April 10.—Colonel John Cockerell, the well-known American newspaper editor and correspondent, died suddenly at Sheppard's Hotel to-day. Death was caused by apoplexy. Colonel Cockerell recently arrived here from Japan, where he had spent some time as the correspondent of the New York "Herald." He was representing the same paper in Cairo. John Cockerell was one of the most widely known newspaper men in the United States. He entered the profession when a mere boy, and except for the period when a drummer at the front in the civil war, he continued in it, rising ever higher to positions of greater authority and wider usefulness.

Death of Bishop Ryan.

BUFFALO, April 10.—Bishop Ryan died this morning. Bishop Ryan was one of the prominent Catholic clergymen of his section and a man of rare talent. He was popular outside of his church, and his death has caused deep regret.

Sale of Liquor to Indians.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The House Committee on Indian Affairs to-day ordered a favorable report on the bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to Indians to whom allotments have been made.

Hitt Renominated.

FREEPORT (Ill.), April 10.—Congressman R. R. Hitt was renominated by acclamation by the Republicans of the Ninth District at to-day's convention. The delegates to St. Louis were instructed for McKinley.

Treasury Gold Reserve.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The treasury gold reserve at the close of business to-day stood at \$127,634,484. The withdrawals for the day were \$280,900.

Four Persons Killed.

MADRID, April 10.—An explosion of fire-damp occurred in a coal mine at Wallanava to-day. Four persons were killed and a number injured.

ATHLETIC GAMES AT ATHENS, GREECE.

The American Competitors, as Usual, Sustain Their Reputations.

Succeed in Carrying Off a Goodly Share of the Honors.

The Captain of a Frail Fishing Craft, Together With His Son and Crew of Seven Colored Men, Drowned During a Heavy Swell in the Atlantic Off the Coast of Virginia.

ATHENS, April 10.—The weather changed last night, and this morning the sun rose in a cloudless sky. The atmosphere was balmy and spring-like, and every condition was favorable for the carrying out of the fifth day's programme of the Olympic games, which included the final heats of the unfinished events of Monday and Tuesday. The American competitors sustained their reputations as athletes, and carried off a goodly share of the honors. An immense crowd was present.

Women Suffragists' Victory.

TOPEKA, April 10.—The enfranchised women of Ellis, Kas., scored a sweeping victory at the recent municipal election. A complete ticket of women candidates was nominated, and all were elected with the exception of Mrs. Clara Sheldon, candidate for Police Judge, who was defeated by a majority of five. Mrs. M. A. Wade, proprietress of a large millinery and dry goods store, was elected Mayor, and Mrs. Violet Gaylord, Mrs. Lillian Hussey, Mrs. Emma Shields and Mrs. Ella Newcomer were elected members of the Council by average majorities of twenty.

Railroad Land Grants Approved.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Acting Secretary Reynolds of the Interior Department has approved grants of lands to railroads as follows: Northern Pacific Railroad, 26,459 acres in the Helena and Missoula Land Districts, Montana; Northern Pacific Railroad, 470 acres in the Olympia (Washington) Land District; California and Oregon Railroad, 1,123 acres in the Oregon City (Oregon) Land District; Southern Pacific Railroad, 14,165 acres in the Independence, Visalia and San Francisco Land Districts, California.

Volunteer Soldiers' Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The Curtis bill, which permits volunteer soldiers who were promoted during the late war, but not mustered in with the promoted rank, to be discharged with this latter rank, was ordered to be favorably reported to-day by the House Military Committee. It was amended, however, so as to prevent the officers in question from receiving the back pay and allowances which might attach to such promotion.

Texas and Pacific Road.

DALLAS (Tex.), April 10.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Texas and Pacific Railroad took place to-day. There were present George J. Gould, Mr. Sargent, Secretary and Treasurer, T. M. Campbell, General Manager of the International and Great Northern, and L. S. Thorne, General Manager of the Texas-Pacific. The old Board of Directors was re-elected. T. Gould party left for El Paso to-night.

Another Life Sacrificed.

BUTTE (Mont.), April 10.—Another life was sacrificed to-day in an effort to rescue the seven men imprisoned in the Hope Mine. Albert Boulwer, one of a party of men who attempted to go down the shaft to rescue the men, was overcome by foul air and expired before he could be taken out. Superintendent Beach says it is not probable that the bodies can be reached in two weeks.

The Vanderbilt Party.

CHICAGO, April 10.—The Cornelius Vanderbilt and Chauncey M. Depew party arrived this afternoon in their private car over the Northwestern road on their return from a pleasure trip to the Pacific Coast. Mr. Vanderbilt entertained his friends at the Columbia Theater in the evening, and to-morrow morning the journey East will be resumed.

The Transvaal Troubles.

LONDON, April 10.—The "Times" will to-morrow publish a dispatch from Pretoria saying that the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, British Colonial Secretary, has again telegraphed to President Kruger complaining of his delay in deciding upon accepting Mr. Chamberlain's invitation to visit London to discuss matters pertaining to the Transvaal.

Ziegler to Box Young Corbett.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—Owen Zeigler, local light-weight boxer, to-day received word that he had been matched to box George Green ("Young Corbett") before the Olympic Club, San Francisco, for a purse of \$1,250. The date has not yet been decided upon. The men will box ten rounds.

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Efforts Being Made to Force Them to Vote for McKinley.

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