

LOOTED BY ROBBERS

Express Train Held Up by Two Masked Men

WHO DYNAMITED EXPRESS CAR

They Loaded a Sack of Coal and Made Good Their Escape

Low Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—At about midnight last night the Los Angeles-San Francisco express train was stopped by two masked men about twelve miles north of Los Angeles, near Burbank, a small station. After the train pulled out of Burbank, the robbers climbed forward over the tender to the engine, and with leveled six-shooters, forced the engineer to stop the train. They then occupied the express car and pulled ahead 200 yards, where they stopped and called on the express messenger to open the door.

He refused until they applied dynamite and blew the car open. The messenger surrendered. One of the men kept the conductor and a few venturesome passengers at a safe distance, while his confederate loaded up the sack of coal and then they made good their escape on horses which had been left near the scene of the robbery, going in a northerly direction. A good description of the men was obtained and officers from all directions are in pursuit. In addition to the usual rewards offered by the large cities, the Southern Pacific company has offered \$1,000 for their capture. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s agent here will not say how much was in the express car. The treasure safe, which contained most of the money, was unopened.

DEPOSITORS ROBBED

Madison Square Bank Victims Show up the Heavens

New York, Dec. 24.—A meeting of depositors of the Madison Square bank, whose deposits were accepted August 7 and 8, immediately prior to the closing of the bank after that institution was known to be insolvent, will be held at the Fifth Avenue hotel, December 28, to take action toward securing the return of their money. The call for the meeting, which is signed by a number of large depositors, has this to say of the management of the bank and the action of the indicted directors: "It seems that not only has the criminal law been brazenly violated, but that the civil law of the state as well has been trampled under foot. The common rights of depositors have been ruthlessly disregarded. Money has been loaned to directors on securities insufficient in law or worthless in fact, hazardous private enterprises have been illegally supported with the bank's funds, false reports have been sworn to and filed. Deposits aggregating over \$1,000,000 were accepted from the two days preceding the failure of the bank and after its hopeless insolvency was admitted by those in charge and it is notorious that on the very morning when the bank closed its doors checks aggregating over \$700,000 were drawn on the bank by a few directors and secured by a director of the bank and his brother, in behalf of corporations interested and by the state treasurer, all of whom knowing that the bank had failed, were seeking a preference that the law forbids."

MURDERED AND CREMATED

Terrible Crime Committed by Masked Robbers

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24.—Telegrams received here from Lynchburg, Virginia, tell of a terrible crime which took place last night. About a month ago the young and pretty daughter of J. H. White of that city was married in North Carolina to Pleasant Hendricks of Campbell county, Virginia. They settled snugly at house-keeping about six miles from the city of Lynchburg and lived happily together. Today their home is a mass of charred ruins and the husband lies turned to a crisp, while the young wife is frantic with grief. The husband was murdered and the bones buried last night by four masked men, supposed to be white ruffians. The story which reached this city is to the effect that after Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks had retired last night four masked men forced their way in and knocked the husband down. Mrs. Hendricks faintly and was taken out into the yard while the men ransacked the house and set it on fire. When the wife became conscious the house was a mass of flames. The blaze attracted the neighbors, but it was too late to either save the house or recover the body, which was found this morning.

HIT WITH A PIPE

A Crank Attempted to Kill a Worthy Old Man

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A crank attempted to kill Silas C. Walbridge, a wealthy real estate dealer in his office last night. He had been loitering around the building until he saw Walbridge enter his office. Following him, he was hit over the head with a piece of rubber pipe in which was concealed a stick of dynamite. The two men grappled and Mr. Walbridge, who is about 60 years old, finally got the weapon away from his assailant. The crank fell through the floor and was lost in the crowd of holiday shoppers outside. Mr. Walbridge's head was badly cut and weakened by a loss of blood, he was taken to his home. Detectives are scouring the city for the assailant, but he has not yet succeeded in finding him. His motive was evidently murder and robbery.

To Hang His Family

ANDERSON, Mich., Dec. 24.—John Handley of Tecumseh, whose numerous trials for arson have given him great notoriety in this vicinity, is again in trouble. A few nights ago he went to the village of Grand Haven, a quantity of rope was bought and attempted to hang his wife and children from the stair banisters. It is believed he is insane and Mrs. Handley has applied to officials to take charge of him. An investigation is being made.

NO SHOW FOR MELLO

Minister Mendonca's Cable Dispatches From Brazil

SHOW REBELS HARD PUSHED

The Government Is Drawing the Cavalry Closer Around the Insurgents' Fleet to Crush It

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—In response to his inquiries upon the subject, the Brazilian minister of foreign affairs has cabled Minister Mendonca the facts so far as they are known in Rio regarding the column of insurgents under General Savaiva, which is variously reported as marching upon Sao Paulo and upon the capital of Santa Catharina, and consisting of from 3,000 to 8,000 men. "The message I have received from my government," said Minister Mendonca tonight, "is most satisfactory, that since our column under General Savaiva, the minister of foreign affairs tells me, consists of less than 2,000, all cavalry. They have got no further north than Santa Catharina, and have so far failed in their efforts to effect a junction with the forces of the Mello provisional government which is established on the island of Santa Catharina. Gen. Savaiva made an attempt a month or so ago to reach the insurgents of the island, but the government forces met him and drove him back to Rio Grande do Sul. He has now returned with a strong troop of cavalry, but he has not 'penetrated' in the government forces," as yesterday's telegrams reported. The governor of Santa Catharina has 3,300 regular troops under his command, and Savaiva is not likely to make and serious impression against them.

Government Still Holds Rio

"As to the condition of things in Rio," continued Minister Mendonca, "the government has control of every island in the bay except Villegaignon, Las Colras and one other, which latter is a place of suburban residence only and of no value or importance whatever in a military sense. It is true that General Terras of the army was wounded by a shot from an ambush while making a reconnaissance upon Governador island. The next day, however, with a sufficient force the island was taken from the insurgents. The government is drawing the lines closer and closer about the insurgents in the harbor and expect soon to crush them. This would have been accomplished ere this," explained the minister, "had it not been that the government is under promise not to injure foreign merchantmen in the harbor by the fire from its guns. This, of course, works to the advantage of the insurgents."

Chinese Smugglers Convicted

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—The jury in the Chinese conspiracy case, after being out twenty-two hours, brought in a verdict last night. The jury found C. J. Mulvey, ex-special agent of the treasury department, William J. Baker and P. J. Bannon, guilty. In the case of James Lotan, ex-collector of customs, and Seid Back (Chinaman), they disagreed. The remaining seventeen defendants were acquitted.

Ford Theater Condemned

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The old Ford's theater building, the collapse of which caused the death of twenty-one clerks and serious injuries to many more, and which has since been patched up again by the government, is now officially pronounced unsafe for occupancy by the district building inspector, and Col. George H. Elliott of the board of army engineers and Capitol Architect.

Blinded Him With Vitriol

DEVER, Colo., Dec. 24.—Minnie Craver, a love-crazed waitress, threw a bottle of vitriol into the face of Thomas Delany, head waiter of the Western hotel about 9 o'clock last night while he was at work in the hotel dining room. The fiery corrosive acid Delany's right eye completely out, blinded the left eye and burned his face and neck in a way that will leave him marked for life.

Traveling Man Shot

PADUCAH, Ky., Dec. 24.—Abel Livingston, a prominent young wholesale merchant, shot Ad Elliott, a traveling man from St. Louis, at 9 o'clock last night in the rotunda in the Palmer house. The trouble grew out of a bill of goods that Elliott had sold Livingston's father, who is a wholesale grocer. Elliott is in a dying condition and the doctors have failed to find the ball.

Murdered by Robbers

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—John S. Waterson, a merchant policeman was murdered at 11 o'clock last night by burglars whom he surprised robbing a butcher shop at Seventh and Tennessee streets. He was found lying on the ground with his head broken and his body split open with a cleaver and three bullet wounds were found in his chest.

Fly Wheel Exploded

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 24.—A huge fly wheel in the power house of the Des Moines electric plant exploded yesterday morning, wrecking the roof of the building and inflicting damages of \$10,000. Nobody was injured. The company had duplicate machinery, and the stoppage of cars was very brief.

Train Thrown Into the River

BOONE, Iowa, Dec. 24.—A train of loaded coal cars was passing over the private bridge of Birmingham & Keating over the Des Moines river, one of the spans gave way and the cars were piled in the river below. William Palmer, a brakeman, was caught in the wreck and killed.

Held for Trial

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 24.—The examination of Fred Wilson and Charles Thompson, who are charged with snatching and robbing William Greenleaf, a prominent Charlotte contractor, have been held over to the circuit court for trial. The bail was fixed at \$2,500 each.

Skull Crushed by a Beer Glass

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Because he would not drink with him, Joseph Jahenak struck John Cincotta over the head with a beer glass in a saloon Saturday night, fracturing his skull. Cincotta died this morning and Jahenak is in jail. The men are Russian Poles.

Fined Him \$45,954

ROANOK, Ore., Dec. 24.—V. L. Arington, treasurer of Douglas county, who was convicted of the larceny of public funds has been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$45,954, twice the amount of his shortage.

Jury Failed to Agree

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of George Craig, on trial for the murder of Emma Werner, came into court this morning and stated they were unable to agree. They were discharged.

Shaken by an Earthquake

BERKELEY, Pa., Dec. 24.—A shock of earthquake was felt here this afternoon. In certain parts of the town several partitions ran out of their hinges.

KANSAS AND MISSOURI HAVE SOMEWHAT

less Kansas and Missouri have only enough to supply their local mills until next harvest; Michigan and Illinois will grind most of their surplus, but Ohio and Indiana have a fair surplus for shipment.

More poor wheat has been fed to animals than usual. Fully a third of the reports say none of consequence has been in their sections; a third say about 5 per cent, while a third average about an eighth of the crop.

Most of the sections, which report fair crops, say it will be a home crop. The clover crop in September promised to be somewhat below an average. The reports say the crop has turned out a trifle better than was expected, especially in Ohio, which had the largest crop.

SINGERS OUT OF TUNE.

A Split Likely to Occur Among German Societies.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The various singing societies of this city and delegates from those of other cities composing the United Singers, have held meetings recently in Philadelphia, Baltimore and other places to protest against the participation of singing societies from Albany, Boston and Hartford in the National Singsong to be held in New York next July.

At the Singsong of three years ago, held in Newark, it was understood that only those singing societies from Brooklyn, Newark, Trenton, Orange, Baltimore and Philadelphia, members of the United Singers, were to take part in the festival by the rules all other singers were debarred.

The New York people, however, contrary to all precedent, insisted that the Albany, Boston and Hartford organizations, although not members of the Northwestern Singsong, should be invited to take part in the festival by the rules all other singers were debarred.

PRINCETON WILL PLAY.

Faculty Has Not Killed the College Sports.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 24.—Since Thanksgiving the rumor has been current about the college that the faculty intended to take some radical action in the restriction of college sports before the beginning of another year's college season. The faculty, however, has not taken any action taken by the faculty on the subject of athletics. From what members of the faculty say, however, it appears that the students themselves have saved the big game for next year. Early in the season the college authorities had begun to feel that the Thanksgiving game in New York must go. The students disarmed the criticism of the faculty this year by their orderly behavior on returning to Princeton and quietly retiring to the college work.

INDIAN SUMMER WEATHER.

Washington society spent Sunday Carriage Driving.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The president and Mrs. Cleveland, tempted by the beautiful weather, took a long drive this afternoon in an open carriage, starting from the white house and traversing all the boulevards in the vicinity of their suburban residence. They returned at 4 o'clock and will spend Christmas day. It seemed at the same time as if all society in Washington was on wheels. Every available carriage was out. The sun shone brightly and the weather was so mild that light summer wraps and hats were worn for comfort. It was a memorable day in point of temperature and Indian summer haze of landscape.

STRUCK A GOLD VEIN.

New Field in Utah Pans Out \$16 a Ton.

SALT LAKE CITY, U. T., Dec. 24.—Leviston, U. T., better known as the Camp Floyd district, the scene of the recent gold discovery, is developing into a bonanza camp. The district is located about fifteen miles from Lehi, a local station on the Grand Western. The gold, supposed to be mainly a chlorid, state, is found in a blanket vein in lime and shale, which has already been traced for a distance of ten miles. Experts and mineralogists claim that the belt extends over to the Wasatch range, and to within a few miles of Lehi City. By the use of the cyanide process the gold is extracted at a cost of \$2 to \$3 per ton, including all expenses of labor and milling. The ore averages \$16 per ton.

TEXAS ROAD NOT AFFECTED.

Santa Fe Failure Does Not Interfere With It.

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 24.—A cipher message received today by John M. Byrd, treasurer of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad from President J. W. Reinhart states that the reorganization action taken by the Atchafalaya system at Topeka does not include the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, extending from Galveston to Fort Worth, and to Paris, Texas, where connection is made with the Texas. The Texas road will be operated under its own separate corporate organization, and is reported to be in good condition.

In a Receiver's Hands.

TEXAS, Dec. 24.—The Texas railroad reorganization bill was passed in the Texas senate yesterday. The assets of the company are estimated at \$80,000 and liabilities at \$25,000.

Masked Burglars Held Up a Train

Near Coffeyville

LOOTING THE EXPRESS CAR

All the Passengers Were Robbed of Everything of Value They Had. None Were Injured.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Dec. 24.—The southbound passenger train, No. 32, or the Iron Mountain division of the Missouri Pacific, which left this station at 6:30 this evening, was held up and robbed by five masked men at Seminole station, Indian Territory, five miles south of Coffeyville. The lock was broken and the train ran into the siding on which a box car was standing, on which was a red lantern. The point of robbery is a small station on the open prairie. Engineer James Harris was carefully guarded by one of the men with a Winchester while the rest proceeded to rob the mail, express car and every passenger on the train from smoker to sleeper. The train was held up in a conveyance close to the scene and witnessed the affair. They were first to bring the news of robbery to this town. Several gentlemen of this city who do business in the territory were on the train and were taken to Coffeyville, where they were held until the train was freed. Fortunately no one was injured by the shooting which was all done by the robbers.

AT LOGGERSHEADS.

Ways and Means Committee Cannot Agree on Income Tax.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Congressmen intend to make a holiday time of the recess and will not work very hard. The committee on appropriations, which was more or less industrious during the month between these sessions, will not try to do any business, and the subcommittee in charge of various appropriation bills will follow the same course. It has been determined that the appropriation bills shall not be reported so as to interfere with the tariff. It is expected that there will be plenty of time to prepare the appropriation bills while the tariff is being disposed of in the house. The only committee that is anxious to get its appropriation bill in early is that of the rivers and harbors which is desirous to have its bill considered before the other appropriations. It is expected that the bill will be reported as generally during the last recess. At that time they went home to bring their families to the capital and the families being here now they prefer to remain in the city.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

M. H. Twitchell, United States consul at Kingston, Canada, in reply to the wheat and flour circular of the department of state, in his report says: "From June 30, 1891, to the present time only one carload of American flour has been imported into this district."

Harry H. Smith of Michigan, for some years junior member of the house of representatives and then deputy register of the treasury under General Roscrans, has resigned owing to a personal and official difficulty between himself and Register Tillman.

Government receipts for this month up to date have been in round numbers \$20,000,000 less than the expected sale of the figures being: Receipts, \$21,050,000 and the expenditures \$23,213,000 of which \$11,500,000 has been on account of pensions.

A stamp order was received at the post office department Saturday for 251,768,100 Columbian stamps valued at \$10,000,000. These will be placed on sale in about 3,000 presidential postoffices.

Secretary Carlisle has appointed Jacob T. Heilmann shipping commissioner at Port Townsend, Wash.

HAWAIIANS WILL FIGHT.

Provisional Government Has 1,200 Men Under Arms.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Tribune's Port Townsend, Washington, special says: Twelve hundred men are under arms for the Hawaiian provisional government at Honolulu, with 550 additional men being held in reserve in case of emergency, awaiting to repel any attack from no matter what source. Such is the gist of a letter received from Patrick Hutton, a well-known and responsible local resident, who is a regular enlisted soldier in President McKinley's army, having come from Port Townsend to the Sandwich Islands about four months ago. Hutton writes that his term of service is twelve months, that he receives \$40 a month and food, and is well treated. His letter, which came by the latest steamer from Honolulu, states that Queen Liliuokalani will never be restored, neither will the English half-breed princess ever sit on the Hawaiian throne. Nor will there ever again be a monarchy on the islands. Hutton says that a regular constitutional republic is soon to be proclaimed with a general election, to be participated in only by those paying taxes on at least \$250 worth of property. This will throw the government entirely into the hands of Americans by a large majority. Hutton's letter states that of the provisional army at least five-eighths are Americans by birth. They will not bear arms against the authority of the United States unless in self-defense, but attack no matter from what source, will be repelled. Hutton owns considerable property there. He was for years quartermaster on board the United States revenue cutter Wilcott, and was also guardian of the county jail for a time and a member of the local police force.

Glad to Have Them Go.

CATRO, Dec. 24.—The Egyptian government expresses the hope that the decrease in the British army of occupation will continue until England can finally withdraw a large force according to some heartless given, and that the agreement of the powers will allow of the application of money resulting from debt conversions to local improvements, such as the construction of water reservoirs in upper Egypt.

Grip Caused His Death.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—George Sherwood, the senior member of the George Sherwood School Furniture company, died yesterday morning from an attack of grip.

OBJECT TO A JUROR

A Gordon Murray is Challenged by Attorney Wade.

HE WAS HARRISON'S FRIEND

Admitted to be Submitted that He was an Intimate Friend with the Deceased.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Attorney Wade, for the defense in the President's murder trial, claims to have about twenty-five affidavits, which he will submit to the court when it convenes Tuesday, to prove that A. Gordon Murray is not a competent juror in the case. When Mr. Murray was examined as to his competency to sit as a juror, it is claimed by Wade, the fact was not brought out that he was an intimate friend of Charles H. Harrison, and frequently visited the home of the murdered mayor. Wade believes this fact would tend to prejudice the juror's mind against President Harrison and would make sufficient grounds for a motion for a new trial.

WEDDED A GENTLE.

Herman Haer, a Hebrew, in Trouble With His Father.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—An interesting story in connection with the case of Herman Haer, who is now in jail awaiting trial for embezzlement, has just come to light. Haer is but 23 years old, a Hebrew and a son of the senior member of the well-known firm of Haer, Seasegood & Co. of St. Louis. He is a rather wild young man and frequently had trouble with his father. About seven months ago young Haer forced his father's name to checks for \$3,700 and secured the money. He then ran away from St. Louis and came to Chicago, where he was secretly married to a Miss Barry, a very handsome and accomplished young lady.

WANTS A TARIFF POINTER BEFORE CHANGING THE SCHEDULES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The house of parliament will not be called together until some time in February at least. A member of the cabinet states that the question of summoning parliament has not yet been formally discussed by the government in council, and that nothing will be done until Mr. Bowell returns.

IT SEEMS IMPROBABLE THAT THE MEETING OF PARLIAMENT SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL SOME IDEA CAN BE FORMED AS TO WHAT TARIFF CHANGES ARE LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LINE. IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS GOVERNMENT TO FORMULATE A POLICY IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT THE UNITED STATES MAY DO, AND AS THE MINISTER OF FINANCE HAS PROMISED TO DEFINE THE FISCAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT EARLY IN THE SESSION HE MUST DELAY THE MEETING UNTIL SOMETHING MORE IS HEARD FROM WASHINGTON.

INDICTED FOR MURDER.

Charles F. Goodrich to Answer for Mrs. Crane's Death.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The grand jury has returned an indictment against Charles F. Goodrich, charging him with the murder of Mrs. May Crane in the residence of Frank Wheeler in Wilmette on the night of November 4 last. The witnesses before the grand jury were Frank Wheeler, Milton Sherman and Detectives Willesky and Miner. The examination was a short one and it took the jury less than ten minutes to return an indictment. It is said that a wealthy aunt of Goodrich's has provided money to secure counsel for him and he is now more cheerful. He intimates that he may yet have some surprises for those concerned in his prosecution.

To Exhibit School Work.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 24.—A new feature of the meeting of the State Teachers' association this week will be the exhibit of school work. The exhibit is separate in its groups, representing rural, village and city schools. Each group is separate, so that district schools are not required to compete against favored city institutions.

Choices Still Ragging.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—There were twenty-seven fresh cases of cholera and fourteen deaths yesterday.

An Imported Pest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Rev. G. M. McGregor of Alton, Ill., Scotland, one of the Scotch free church, had accepted a call to the pastorate of Dwight L. Moody's church in this city. In securing Dr. McGregor a peculiar complication arose, as no contract could be entered into because of the above labor law. The preacher accepted the call, however, as the strength of the promise that he would receive a good salary.

State News in Brief.

Traverse City has sent \$1,500 to the mine strikers.

Six hundred persons in Pontiac are on the sick list.

Gladwin has 1,200 population and two lawyers.

Spelling matches are all the rage of Calvin.

Reading circles are popular in Kalmar.