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GREAT ARMY SEARCH FIRE RUINS. 1,500 SEEK DEAD!

DEFAULTER ALVORD ON WAY TO JUSTICE.

Question as to Whether He Shall Be Tried by the State or the Federal Officials.
Indifferent in Court, with No Apparent Interest as to Which Side Wins the Issue.

District-Attorney Gardner and United States District-Attorney Burnett are at loggerheads as to whether Cornelius Alvord, Jr., the \$700,000 bank thief, shall be tried by the State or Federal authorities. There was a hot passage at arms before Magistrate Flammer this afternoon in which both sides argued for the possession of the man who had robbed the First National Bank. And during it

Rear View of the \$700,000 Embezzler.



Piloted by Lawyer Miller.

all Alvord was as cool as though he had no interest at all in the matter. Col. Gardner's contention is that technically he has begun proceedings, the prisoner is in his possession and he will try him. District-Attorney Burnett contended that the Federal authorities issued the warrant for Alvord's arrest, whereas the State authorities have not. Magistrate Flammer had adjourned the morning hearing to decide this point, and after the afternoon argument he had not made up his mind, so adjourned the hearing until to-morrow. Both Want Him. Before Alvord was resigned at 3 o'clock it was evident that a hot legal wrangle would develop. Shortly after noon Col. Gardner, Assistant District-Attorney Hennessey and Chief of Detectives McCluskey held a conference in the District-Attorney's office. Gen. Burnett had been invited to be present. Instead he sent word that he would



(Sketched in Court by an Evening World Artist.)

have United States Marshal Henkel in court at 3 o'clock with a Federal warrant and would insist that Alvord be turned over to him. It is understood that the bank would prefer to have Alvord tried in the Federal courts. The man who took \$700,000 not his own, and admitted with a smile when captured that only \$50 of it remained, faced coming justice with apparent composure in the forenoon. Phlegmatic as a stoic—with no more concern for the outcome than a red Indian would show in the presence of an enemy—he sat through the proceedings. In the garish light of the dull courtroom he blinked calmly at the scales of justice waiting to weigh him in the balance and gave no sign of fear. Undisturbed by the eyes of the throng of curious spectators, he watched intently but with the look of one who had little personal interest in the official routine which was either to send him back to prison to await examination before the criminal court or to put him in the clutches of Uncle Sam as an offender against the statutes of the United States. His Cool Unconcerns. And when it was decided that he would be sent back to prison for a few hours, Alvord leaned back against the chair his huge bulk rigid and glanced at his attorney as if to say: "Well, that's out of the way. Let's set the ball rolling faster." To the spectators who showed their concern in the drama of a life by passing eagerly forward to catch all that was going, it appeared that the man before the bar was glad to be there. There was a look in his eyes which in-

FRICK PAYMASTER KILLED, 4 ASSAILANTS SHOT DEAD.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 30.—While Paymaster Oursler was taking the money to pay the employees at the Standard Works of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, with guards protecting him, he was attacked by four foreigners. Paymaster Oursler was killed. The armed guard then killed the four assailants. The incident occurred at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and has created tremendous excitement in this region.

SAYS POTASH CAUSED EXPLOSION.

T. F. Main, President of the Tarrant Company, believes that a combination of chlorate of potash with other drugs caused the great explosion. He said to-night that McKesson & Robbins and forty-five kegs of storage. He stated that combined with a small quantity of potash is a powerful combustible. It is on this theory that experts are working.

RESULTS AT LAKESIDE.

FOURTH RACE—Lodging 1. Denny Boy 2. Algernon 3. FIFTH RACE—Lodging 1. Prince Illusion 2. Obsidian 3. SIXTH RACE—Road's Bridge 1. Ben Chance 2. Oswald 3.

ST. LOUIS RESULTS.

THIRD RACE—Nobleman 1. Chickawago 2. Left Simpson 3. FOURTH RACE—Lacy Carson 1. Bloomsfield 2. Belle of the Glen 3.

SWINDLERS GET GOODS WORTH \$125,000.

Edwin S. Sterns, a Well-Known Lawyer, and Two Other Men Arrested.

Detectives to-day arrested Edwin S. Sterns, a well-known lawyer, along with two other men charged with swindling wholesale merchants out of goods, the aggregate of which, it is said, amounts to \$125,000. The men indicted at the same time as the lawyer are Ignatius Cornfeld, Walter A. Vanderhook and another person who has not yet been apprehended. Their plan was, it is charged, to open dummy stores and go through the wholesale trade and secure goods. Then the store to which the goods were sent would be found empty and deserted some morning, and the well recommended business men who ran it would be missing. It is charged that the lawyer's part was to furnish character for the swindlers. And this is his alleged connection with the case upon which the present action is taken. Cornfeld some time ago went to Sanchez & Haya, cigar dealers in Fulton street, and secured \$500 worth of goods. He said his name was Salomon and gave Lawyer Sterns as his reference. It is said that Sterns vouched for the supposed Mr. Salomon, saying he knew him personally and had executed papers in his behalf. The firm let the goods go. They haven't seen a trace of them since nor the pay for them. The detectives put on the case discovered that the work was done systematically by a gang, who seemed to be backed by ample capital to carry out the scheme on a large scale. Assistant District-Attorney Byrnes, who has charge of the case, says a list from one silk firm the swindlers secured \$5,000 worth of goods, from a whiskey house \$10,000, from a well-known dry goods firm \$1,500, and so on, though it is expected that a host of swindled merchants will rise to accuse them. "It is safe to say that the operations of this gang secured them fully \$125,000 worth of stuff," said Mr. Byrnes this afternoon. Lawyer Sterns furnished bail and walked out of the Criminal Court Building, Cornfeld and Vanderhook were unable to do so and were locked up in the Tombs.

FLANAGAN IS IN JERSEY.

Detectives Have Traced Jail-Breaker to Hackensack. The escaped prisoner, Arthur Flanagan, has been traced to Hackensack. Detectives found that early this morning he crossed the Fort Lee ferry from this city and took a trolley car to Englewood. The conductor of the car positively identified a picture of Flanagan as his passenger. From Englewood the detectives found that the jail breaker had gone on to Hackensack. They followed to that place. Stop that Cough and Work off the Cold. Laxative. Laxative. Tablets Only a cold in the eye. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

2 BODIES TAKEN OUT; TO WORK ALL NIGHT.

"A LIE!" CRIES MR. CLEVELAND.

Stamps an Interview as "Malicious" and Shows Anger.

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 30.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland being shown a publication in the Philadelphia Times of today purporting to be an interview with him, in which he indicated a landslide for Bryan, said: "The whole thing from beginning to end is an absolute lie; without the least foundation of a shadow of truth. I have never uttered a word to any human being that affords the least pretext for such a mendacious statement. I have already telegraphed the Philadelphia Times to this effect."

ROBBED DURING FIRE.

One Hundred Dollars Stolen from Restaurant Safe. Charles Francis Buckley, the son of the restaurant keeper whose place was wrecked by the explosion and fire, and employed in the restaurant as cashier, said to-day that when the explosion occurred he placed \$100 in the cash box and locked it up. Buckley said all the people on the lower floor made their escape, but that twelve men, known as the night shift in the restaurant and who were sleeping on the top floor of the building, as far as he knows have not yet been accounted for. This morning Buckley, accompanied by a policeman, entered the ruined building and found that the money box had been opened and the money taken.

ONLY 350 ORGAN GRINDERS.

Aldermen Limit Them and Fix License Fee at \$2. Forty-five members of the Board of Aldermen did not attend the meeting to-day and no business could be transacted that involved the expenditure of money. Alderman Water introduced a resolution calling upon Congress to deepen Buttermilk Channel in the interest of Brooklyn commerce, which was passed. A resolution introduced by Alderman Fluck providing for the licensing of organ grinders and limiting their number to 50, was recommended by the Committee on Streets and Highways and adopted by the Board. Under the ordinance each organ-grinder will have to pay a license fee of \$2.

OFF TO HONOLULU.

New Steamer America Starts on Her Maiden Trip. The new twin-screw steamer, America, of the recently inaugurated American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, sailed to-day on her long maiden voyage to San Francisco and Honolulu. She was preceded by the Hyades a fortnight ago and will be followed in the course of time by other new steamers which comprise the fleet. The seven steamers will maintain a freight service between New York, San Francisco and Honolulu. Flint, Dearborn and Company are the New York agents.

EXPLOSION IN MINE.

One Miner Taken Out Dead at Wilkesbarre; Others in Peril. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 30.—A terrible explosion of gas occurred in the Kingston mine, of the Kingston Coal Company this afternoon. One man has been taken out dead. Twelve others are in the mine.

HELD HONECKE FOR TRIAL.

Denial Reserves Decision on Perjury Charge. Assemblyman Henry C. Honecke, of the Twentieth Assembly District, charged with perjury and aiding illegal registration, was held for trial in \$100 bonds this afternoon. In the perjury charges Magistrate Denzel asked counsel on both sides to submit briefs and said he would give his decision later.

Toppling Walls Pulled Down and Dynamite Will Be Used to Further Clear Way.

An army of 1,500 worked to-night by the torchlight searching for bodies in the ruins of the Tarrant fire. Orders were received at the Morgue to-night to send the dead wagon with six coffins to the scene at once. It is expected that a number of bodies will be recovered to-night. Preparations have been made for their reception at the Morgue. They will be numbered and a full description taken. The bodies will be kept separate from other bodies in the Morgue. Two bodies had been found in the debris in front of the Tarrant Building to-night. The first was located this afternoon. Only a naked arm could be seen protruding through the mass of twisted iron beams, timber and stone. The sex could not be determined. The body of August Schmidt, an engraver, was afterward found in the wreck of the building opposite Tarrant's. The known dead now number four. Thirty-six persons are reported missing. A rigid investigation is being made to determine whether Tarrant & Co. violated the law in storing explosives in their building.

36 PERSONS MISSING; TWO BODIES RECOVERED.

Two bodies were found in the debris around the Tarrant Building this afternoon. Carl Hindenwald remained behind to put out the fire. He found that he had to go upstairs and then was cut off by the wrecking of the building by the explosion and could not get down the stairway. Hindenwald then jumped from a second story window and broke his leg by the fall. He is now in the hospital. District-Attorney Gardner was at the scene of the explosion this afternoon. He stated that he anticipated that the District-Attorney's office would have duties to perform in connection with the fire before the conclusion of all investigations, and that he wished to personally view the scene. Building Commissioner Guilfoyle, of Brooklyn, was also one of the spectators during the afternoon. Dynamite will be used to bring down the toppling side and rear walls of Kippen, Smith & Wicman's seven-story building at 106-107 Warren street. Police keep the curious at a safe distance. Workmen with rope and tackle pulled down the building rear wall of 775 Washington street, which overhangs the Tarrant ruin, this afternoon. "This is all we have decided on for the present," said Mr. Rutherford. "I have conjured other buildings that must come down, but they will be shored up for the present. The buildings I ordered down at once were menacing the men at work in the debris. They must not be delayed. Our main work now is directed toward finding the bodies. Everything is subservient to that."

WAS LAW VIOLATED?

Fire Department to Investigate Cause of the Explosion. If any person is injured or burned by the explosion of any compound which is kept in violation of this law the person or persons responsible shall be held criminally liable.