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THE NEWS IN LONDON.

ENGLAND AND THE EMPEROR.

HOSTILE FEELING TOWARD GREAT BRITAIN—THE RESCUE OF GORDON—RENEWAL OF IRISH AGITATION.

[BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.]

LONDON, Sept. 20.—The first step taken by Lord Northbrook has given the financial world a sensation, yet he has admittedly done the least possible to break through the present difficulties. Nominally there has been a breach of the liquidation law; but it hurts nobody. Unhappily it restricts the Bourse operations and creates fears for the future. Hence the fury which rages in the Paris press, largely engineered by financiers wildly indignant. They are threatening everything short of war. A protest of course will be made all round. It will be unavailing and the majority of the Powers will not fail to see where their true interests lie. The alternative is a declaration of bankruptcy with a reduction of the coupons, and this possibility is yet in the future. No doubt Lord Northbrook has other surprises in store, but the very explicit statement that he intends to recommend the assumption of a Protectorate in Egypt is discredited here.

THE SOUDAN EXPEDITION.

Gordon's messages foreshadow difficulty. He can come away with all his supporters, but he adheres to his original plans to withdraw the garrisons and create a settled government at Khartoum. To accomplish these plans he wants English soldiers and Zebehr Pasha, and will finally make over the government to the Turkish or Indian native troops. He clearly has no idea of conforming with the English policy, and has nothing but reproaches for the British Government, his master. He makes no effort to co-operate with Wolseley, but talks of burning Berber. He evidently suffers from great mental excitement. It is quite possible the Government will have to choose between bringing him away under arrest and making terms with him to "Sarawak the Soudan," as suggested by *The Pall Mall Gazette*. The Nile expedition promises to have a farcical termination.

MEETING OF THE EMPERORS.

Much dust has been thrown into our eyes with regard to the Imperial conference in Russian Poland. The feverish activity of the French Ambassador at Berlin before and since the conference has not escaped observation. It is believed the French Cabinet is in full accord with the Imperial Chancellors, and an arrangement has been concluded in view of English action in Egypt. This probably accounts for the report of an English protectorate from Vienna.

AGGRESSION BY THE BOERS.

The grave news from South Africa of the forcible inclusion of North Bechuanaland by the Boers in the teeth of the London Convention and the apathy of the Cape Government dependent upon the Dutch vote have so disgusted Sir Hercules Robinson that he threatens resignation. The dispatch of an Imperial force against the Boers is a possible contingency. *The Pall Mall Gazette* takes these circumstances with the Soudan troubles and the obvious irritation of France and Germany and the neglected condition of the British navy just discovered, as a basis of a very gloomy article predicting an imminent imperial crisis, of the greatest possible gravity.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

France is already tired of humiliating the Chinese and it is openly announced that M. Ferry is anxious for an accommodation. As a matter of fact, he cannot help himself. The foreign Powers object to the bombardment of the vital points of China, and Ferry will not face the Chambers with demands for drafts from the regular army to undertake operations ashore.

AGITATION IN IRELAND.

Irish affairs are becoming prominent. Priests are again joining the agitation, and the Parnellites are making a fresh invasion of Ulster, and an artisan having given himself to Fenianism is honored by a public funeral in the capital. Members of the Irish party who have sworn allegiance to the Queen attended it. Mr. Trevelyan is discouraged. He warns his countrymen that the only hope of surmounting the Irish difficulty lies in presenting a united front and pursuing an unswerving policy of justice and firmness.

NORTHCOTE IN SCOTLAND.

Sir Stafford Northcote has been following the steps of Mr. Gladstone in Mid-Lothian, supplying an antidote to the bane. The result is hardly satisfactory to the Tories themselves. On the other hand, Gladstone continues and increases his triumphs. Political gossip openly affirms that the Prince of Wales will declare for the Government when the next Franchise bill is before the Peers. It is quite true that the Prince has popular sympathies on the subject, but it is unlikely that he will discover them.

FATHER CURCI SUBMISSIVE.

ROME, Sept. 20.—Father Curci has written a letter to the *Unita Cattolica* expressing his submission to the Vatican and condemning all passages in his three latest works which can be construed as inveighing against the faith, morals or rights of the Church. He further expresses the hope that he may be restored to the Pope's favor.

Father Curci was a member of the Jesuit Order in Naples and has created much unpopular criticism by his writings since 1870. In 1881 he published a pamphlet entitled: "La Nuova Italia ed i Vecchi Zelanti," which exposed him to personal insults and assaults. The priests in Naples would not hear his confession and refused to allow him to say mass. Women spat in his face and called him "an old devil," and he was compelled to seek refuge in Rome. In 1883 he wrote a large volume which he called "The Psalms, Translated from the Hebrew and Illustrated with Moral and Exegetic Annotations." This work was approved by the Pope's theologian, who praised Father Curci for his learning and his knowledge of Greek and Hebrew. Father Curci has recently led a quiet life and says mass every day in his own house.

A GIFT FROM THE POPE TO THE ROMANS.

ROME, Sept. 20.—The Pope, in token of his affection for the Romans, has granted $200,000 for the establishment of a hospital in the vicinity of the Vatican. In the event of an outbreak of cholera at Rome His Holiness promises to visit the hospital personally.

AN ANARCHIST HANGED IN VIENNA.

VIENNA, Sept. 20.—The anarchist murderer Kammerer was hanged here this morning in accordance with the sentence of the military court. It is officially stated that he confessed to having been collusion with Stellmacher in all the latter's crimes. It is stated also that he made a disclosure of the secrets of the anarchists.

FAVORING THE FRANCHISE BILL.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—A monster meeting in favor of the Franchise bill was held at Dundee to-day. Fully 20,000 people participated. Speeches were made by the Right Honorable William Edward Baxter, of Dundee, member of Parliament for Montrose; William Summers, member of Parliament for Statybridge; James William Barclay, member of Parliament for Fafarshire; Frank Henderson, Member of Parliament for Dundee, and others. Great enthusiasm prevailed.

In connection with the Franchise agitation an important rumor, which seems to have a substantial basis of fact, is in circulation to-night. It is that the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh have formally informed the Marquis of Salisbury, the Conservative leader in the House of Lords, of their intention to vote for the Franchise bill at the autumn session. The reason assigned for this determination is the fear that the intensity of hatred which has been manifested toward the peers may be extended to the crown itself, unless the representatives of royalty make this concession to the popular will.

THE WAR IN THE SOUDAN.

REPORTED VICTORIES FOR GORDON.

OPERATIONS AT KHARTOUM—THE POWERS AND THE EGYPTIAN FINANCES.

CAIRO, Sept. 20.—The Mudir of Dongola telegraphs to the authorities here that the messenger from General Gordon brought eighteen dispatches. Two of them were for the Sheik of the Kaffabish tribe, which were delivered. Two other dispatches were directed to the son-in-law of the Sheik, who, however, had been previously publicly put to death by order of the Mahdi's Ameer, in order to overawe the people and compel them to join the Mahdi. The Ameer, with many chiefs, was afterward killed in battle. The messenger who brought the dispatches reports that on July 24 General Gordon's troops slaughtered the rebel army which had been sent against him from Kordofan. Another battle was fought on August 30, which resulted in General Gordon's forcing the rebels to raise the siege of Khartoum, and in which Sheik Sidi, his son, and their followers were killed.

The above reports are confirmed by Khartem Elmoos Bey, who is holding Halfiyeh with Egyptian soldiers. The Shaggieh and other tribes have come in and tendered their submission. Cennaat is now in perfect security. The population of Berber has recovered from its fright over the anticipated descent by General Gordon. The whole Shaggieh country is now tranquil. The chiefs are imploring for mercy and have made a compact upon the Koran to abandon the Mahdi. The compact has thus far been observed.

Austria, France and Germany have instructed their representatives here to present a collective note to Nubar Pacha, the Egyptian Prime Minister, protesting against the suspension of the sinking fund, which was ordered day before yesterday. M. Barrieres, the French diplomatic agent, protested personally to-day against the suspension.

General Lord Wolseley will leave this city to ascend the River Nile about October 15, at which time it is expected the requisite number of troops and supplies of stores will have passed Wady Halfa en route to Khartoum.

SUAKIM, Sept. 20.—Major Chermside has sent some of the friendly native sheiks to the Governor of Massourah to make arrangements for the evacuation of Kassala. The friendly Amarars have reoccupied the Berber road, having driven the Hadendowas to Sinkat. The rebels have killed four of the Amarar hostages.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Sir Evelyn Baring, the English representative in Egypt, telegraphs from Cairo that the Mudir of Dongola has received advices from several sources to the effect that General Gordon has gained two great victories, and that the siege of Khartoum was raised on August 30, four days after General Gordon's last message.

THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC.

MARSEILLES, Sept. 20.—There were no deaths from cholera here yesterday, but three new cases developed on board the ship Le Bessin from Martinique.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—At a meeting of the Science Congress, at Blois, yesterday, the Chief Engineer of Marseilles revealed the fact that a case of cholera occurred in Marseilles as early as June 10. The Chief Engineer of Toulon stated that the disease in that city had made havoc among butchers and bakers. In no instance had street scavengers been stricken with the malady.

MADRID, Sept. 20.—In the last twenty-four hours there have been two deaths from cholera and two new cases at Elche, two deaths and six new cases at Monforte, and two new cases in other places.

NAPLES, Sept. 20.—Ten thousand persons collected in the Cathedral yesterday to witness the miraculous liquefying of the blood of San Gennaro. The houses of houses were closed in order of the police.

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—Dr. Koch, the German authority on the cholera, is delivering a course of lectures to the military physicians on the means of detecting the disease.

FALSE EVIDENCE IN MURDER TRIALS.

DUBLIN, Sept. 20.—Timothy Harrington, Member of Parliament from Westmeath, has written a letter to *The Freeman's Journal*, in which he says: "From careful personal inquiry I am convinced that Myles Joyce and four of the others who were convicted of complicity in the Maamtrasna murder case were innocent. Even the local police have this belief." Mr. Harrington says he is prepared to prove that the evidence upon which the conviction was secured was fabricated, and that this took place with the connivance of the authorities.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 20.—The French have added to their previous complications by destroying the police junks in the Min River, which acted for the suppression of piracy. The neutral fleets will now be compelled to suppress the pirates.

OPENING THE ARLBERG TUNNEL.

BREGENZ, Austria, Sept. 20.—Emperor Francis-Joseph to-day formally opened the Arlberg railway tunnel with great ceremony. The Emperor, accompanied by the members of his Ministry and many members of the Austrian Parliament, traversed the tunnel in a decorated special train. There were crowds of people at all the stations between Innsbruck and Bregenz, and numerous congratulations and addresses were tendered the Emperor. Many foreign engineers were present, who unite in pronouncing the tunnel a great triumph of engineering skill.

MONEY FOR THE MEXICAN NATIONAL.

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 20, via Galveston.—Count Lingrand has just returned from a tour of inspection of the Mexican National Railroad. He will start immediately for Paris by the way of New-York, stopping at London. It is understood that the money to complete the road will be furnished by French capitalists in connection with Mallesson & Sons, of London, at present the largest stockholders of the road.

FRAGMENTS OF CABLE NEWS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 20.—Russia has concluded a treaty of commerce with Corea.

GLASGOW, Sept. 20.—The new Cunard steamship Etruria, of 8,000 tons burden, was launched here to-day.

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—The Bundesrath has decided to continue the minor state of siege at Berlin, Hamburg, Altona and Leipsic.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—The Panama Canal Company has signed a contract with a New-York dredging company for the cutting of the last section of the canal. This contract provides that the work shall be finished in 1887.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—*Le Soir* asserts that Prince Bismarck has had three interviews with Baron de Courcel, the French Minister to Germany, since the former's return from Skiernewice.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—The French Academy has elected M. Alexandre Dumas a director and M. Sully Prudhomme chancellor.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 20.—Several corvettes belonging to the German Navy have been ordered to the West Coast of Africa.

RUFFIANS ATTACK THE SALVATION ARMY.

A YOUNG WOMAN'S SKULL BROKEN WITH A CLUB—THE WOUND PROBABLY FATAL.

ALBANY, Sept. 20.—A cowardly assault was made on Friday night by a party of ruffians on the Salvation army, which, it is thought, will result in the death of one of the young women in the army, "Singing Lucy," as she was called. After the regular evening parade they returned to their hall, where a mob was awaiting them. When they reached the top of the narrow staircase, the ruffians made a rush upon them with clubs, uttering most foul language. A short fight ensued, and all of the army escaped into the hall, except "Singing Lucy," who received a blow on the head with some blunt instrument which laid the skull open. She fell to the floor crying, "Captain, some one has struck me." Immediately there was general confusion, the ruffians making their escape. Dr. Blake, of Hudson-ave., was called in and pronounced it a severe case of compression of the brain. He declared that her wounds would probably prove fatal. Her name is Lucy Johnston, and she is about twenty-one years of age. Her home is in South Brooklyn, where she joined the Salvation Army about four months ago.

THE LASH AND PILLORY IN DELAWARE.

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 20.—Seven convicts were whipped at Newcastle this morning in the presence of about 400 people. Among them were Edward Redden (white), who was pilloried for an hour in addition to his twenty lashes, Isaac Anderson, a negro boy, who swore lustily while being whipped, and a colored thief, Sugar Awful, who took twenty heavy lashes without a murmur.

THE BI-CENTENNIAL AT WORCESTER.

AN ELABORATE PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR NEXT MONTH.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WORCESTER, Sept. 20.—Preparations for the celebration of the bi-centennial of the naming of Worcester are well under way, and a programme has been arranged. On the evening of October 14 there will be a general illumination and a meeting in Mechanics' Hall, at which Senator Hoar will make an historical address and an original ode will be recited. On the following morning there will be a military and civic procession under the marshalship of General Josiah Pickett, and in the afternoon a trades procession, representing the industries of the city and the processes which resulted in their present development. In the evening there will be a display of fire-works upon Newton Hill. The public buildings will be decorated and triumphant arches erected in the street. There will be a salute of 200 guns fired, 100 in the morning and fifty each at noon and night. All the Governors of the New-England States and the Mayors of the New-England cities have been invited to take part in the celebration.

ATTRACTIONS AT WORCESTER.

THE RESIDENTS TO HAVE A MUSICAL FESTIVAL AND A BUTLER CONVENTION.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WORCESTER, Sept. 20.—The local hotel keepers are in despair over the prospect which next week offers. The annual musical festival, which always attracts hundreds of strangers to the city, begins on Monday and runs to Friday night, and in the middle of it comes the Butler State Convention with its 1,200 or 1,500 delegates. This convention bids fair to be interesting. There are several cases of contesting delegations from Boston and vicinity to be settled and General Butler, ex-Senator Grady, of New-York, and Edward McDonald, of New-York, are to speak at a mass-meeting in the skating rink the night of the convention. The Butler leaders are bound to have a big convention, even if they have to pay the expenses of some of the poorer delegates. The delegates will begin to arrive on Tuesday and many of them will remain over two nights.

At the ward caucuses held last evening by the Cleveland faction only about one hundred voters turned out, while there were over one thousand in attendance at the last Butler caucus.

SUICIDE OF A JEALOUS GIRL.

TAKING A DOSE OF "ROUGH ON RATS" TO END HER TROUBLES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BOSTON, Sept. 20.—The village of Hingham, about twenty miles from Boston, was greatly shocked this morning to learn of the suicide of Miss Annie Jacobs, age twenty-two, daughter of the late Horace Jacobs. She has been keeping company with one Hatch, of Rockland, for a couple of years. The young man has of late been paying attentions to a Rockland lady. This fact has apparently worked upon Miss Jacobs's mind. Yesterday she procured a team and visited Rockland. What the result of her visit was will probably never be known. Upon her return last evening she appeared to be labouring under great mental excitement. Her mother afterwards found her writhing in great pain in her room. Dr. Derr was immediately summoned and every effort was made to save the girl's life, but without avail. She had taken a dose of "Rough on Rats." Mrs. Jacobs had previously buried her husband and five girls, and has here only a son living.

INJURED IN A RAILWAY COLLISION.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20.—At eight minutes past 6 o'clock last evening a freight train on the Williamstown Railroad, between Atco and Williamstown, ran into the rear car of the passenger accommodation train on the Philadelphia and Atlantic City Railroad, at the crossing of the two roads, injuring eleven men who were in the car, which was smashed to pieces. The next car in front was thrown from the tracks, but none of the occupants were hurt. All of the injured men were laborers on a gravel train on the Philadelphia and Atlantic City road, and were returning from their day's work. Those who are injured the worst are James Davis, George Norton and Robert M. Crossley, all of Camden. It is not yet known whether their injuries will result fatally. Responsibility for the accident has not been fixed. The tracks on the Williamstown road have the right of way. No flagman is employed at the crossing. Both the roads belong to the Reading's New Jersey system, having been acquired by purchase some months ago.

RESCUED FROM BEING BURIED ALIVE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CLEVELAND, Sept. 20.—While several men were drilling at McGowan's stone quarry, south of Ward Eighteen, this morning, a huge pile of dirt and stone gave way, burying Fred McGowan and William Morsey beneath it. A gang of men were upon the spot in a few moments and with pickaxes and shovels worked hard to rescue the men from their perilous position. McGowan was found first, travelling badly from a wound in the back of his head. Morsey was dug out soon after. He had sustained a few bruises but was able to walk home. McGowan is under medical treatment.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT BY A TEACHER.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 20.—A dispatch to *The Times* from Mount Sterling, Ky., says that Samuel Clay, an old and respected school teacher, last night attacked Miss Sally Gotham and her sister while in a honey near his house, and stabbed the former several times inflicting probably fatal injuries. He also made an attempt to kill his wife, but she made her escape. Clay is not regarded as crazy, and threats of violence are made against him.

ELOPED WITH A BUTCHER.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—The statement is made that Miss Etta Turnbull, the only daughter of S. S. P. Turnbull, a wealthy pork packer, has eloped with Alexander Newson, employed in Mr. Turnbull's packing establishment for a number of years as a slaughterer. She is handsome and a member of the South Side Episcopal Church choir. Newson is said to have acquired some means of his own, and is a man of fine physical appearance.

FEVER DECREASING IN MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The Acting Assistant Surgeon at Brownsville, Texas, reports to the Surgeon-General of the Marine Hospital Service that there has been no case of yellow fever at Matamoras, Mexico, nor at Brownsville, and that the season at the Mexican Gulf ports has been one of the healthiest ever known. The fever is decreasing at Hermosillo, Mexico.

WEST POINT CADETSHIP.

BOSTON, Sept. 20.—Congressman Ranney has named for appointment to cadetship at West Point from the 11th District, after a competitive examination, E. Excleth Winslow, of Roxbury, whose deceased father did honorable service in the navy, and whose grandfather was Admiral John A. Winslow, who commanded the Kearsarge that sunk the Alabama.

COMMANDER OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 20.—This morning Commodore J. E. Jewett, United States Navy, proceeded to the flagship Tennessee, in Newport Harbor, and there received Admiral Luce of the command of the North Atlantic Squadron. The new commanding officer's flag was saluted by all the ships of the squadron.

LIVING FOR MONTHS IN AGONY.

BOSTON, Sept. 20.—Frank A. Learnard, whose case has puzzled the surgeons, died yesterday. He was a baseball pitcher whose right arm became useless. The shoulder blade and a part of the collar bone were removed, and the young man lingered in great agony for months before death came to his relief.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

A WIDOW GAGGED AND ROBBED.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Sept. 20.—The widow Gait was gagged and robbed in her own house at Heath last night, the robbers obtaining a large sum of money. There is no clue to them.

TO MEET AT SARATOGA NEXT YEAR.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20.—At to-day's session of the Synod of New-York of the United Presbyterian Church, an address was made by Dr. A. G. Wallace, secretary of the Board of Church Extension. Saratoga was selected for the next meeting of the Synod.

COAL MINERS FAVORING ARBITRATION.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 20.—The convention of the railroad coal miners of the Pittsburg district met this morning and decided to continue arbitration and leave the matter of wages entirely in the hands of the Trades Tribunal.

VISITED BY 250,000 PEOPLE.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20.—The State Agricultural Fair closed to-day. During the two weeks of its continuance it was visited by a quarter of a million of people.

THE GALLATIN AT BOSTON.

BOSTON, Sept. 20.—The revenue cutter Albert Gallatin, Captain Mitchell, has arrived here from a cruise.

TAKEN OFF BY WRECKERS.

KEY WEST, Sept. 20.—The French bark Sully, from Mexico for Havre, which ran ashore on Marquesas Reef on Thursday, has been assisted off by wreckers and is coming here.

HER CLOTHING BURNED OFF.

FATALLY HURT AT AN INCENDIARY FIRE.

PLAIN EVIDENCES OF A PLAN TO BURN A BUILDING—THE VICTIM'S HUSBAND ARRESTED.

A cry of "fire" at 2:30 a. m. yesterday, drew the attention of Policemen Farrell and Schreiber to smoke which was issuing from the windows of the three-story building on the northwest corner of Rivington and Willett sts. They sent an alarm and then went to arouse the people in the burning house. The inmates were awakened, and the policemen climbed to the roof. There they found a boy nine years old and a woman who had escaped from the burning building through the scuttle. The boy was fully dressed and uninjured, but the woman, his mother, was burned about the body in a horrible manner. Her clothes had caught fire as she was climbing through the scuttle and had been entirely consumed on her body. As the officers were carrying her down stairs through the adjoining house she became insensible.

The firemen arrived at that time and found the flames raging on the two upper floors of the corner house. Strong odors of escaping gas and of oil were noticed. The stairway leading to the upper floors was on the north side of the house, the lower hallway having doors opening into the beer-shop and into Willett-st. The firemen were told that some persons had escaped from the house through the Willett-st. door and that one man had been seen to jump from a window upon the roof of a low building in Willett-st. Leo Gertig, a German, whose wife and son were found on the roof by the policemen, kept the beer shop and let rooms to lodgers on the upper floors. Gertig had not been noticed about the building after the discovery of the fire. It required only a short time for the firemen to extinguish the flames and drench the house with water. There was abundant evidence that the fire was of incendiary origin.

EVIDENCES OF INCENDIARISM.

The flames had not invaded the beer-shop on the first floor. Gas was escaping from open burners in the room. Behind the bar the shelves had been soaked with kerosene oil and loose shavings had been heaped on the shelves. The wall-paper was burned where a match had been applied, but the shavings on one shelf only had taken fire, and the blaze had not extended to the lower shelves. A strip of cotton batting, which had been intended to form a connection between the shelves, was singed at one end. The door of a small closet near the bar was open. Paper and excelsior were stuffed in the closet and were wet with oil. A basket of excelsior, from which a strip of cloth extended to the floor, was hung close to the closet. The cloth was singed, showing that a match had been applied to it, but for some reason it had failed to burn. In another closet, under the stairs and communicating with the beer-shop, another unsuccessful attempt had been made to start a fire. On the second floor, where were the living rooms of Gertig and his family, the flooring was burned through in several places, and there was evidence that fires had been kindled in two of the rooms. The furniture had been piled up in compact heaps and had been soaked with kerosene oil. Most of the damage by the flames was on the second floor.

To the firemen and police who examined the premises, the conclusion seemed to be inevitable that Gertig and his wife, and possibly their little son also, knew all that could be told about the origin of the fire. Mrs. Gertig was removed to Bellevue Hospital, where she died at daybreak without being able to make any statement regarding the fire. Her little son was taken to the hospital also. He said his father left the house on Friday evening and had not returned when the fire broke out. Gertig did not appear at the scene of the fire until 6 a. m., when he was arrested. He denied that he knew how the fire started. On Friday evening, he said, he went to East Fourteenth-st., to see a collector for a brewery. He became intoxicated while in the company of friends and remained with them until morning. The police took him to the Tombs Police Court and had him remanded for further examination.

The damage to the building was about $1,000, and Gertig's loss was about $500. It was thought that Gertig had insurance on his furniture and fixtures, but Mr. Payton could not tell the amount.

THE FIRE MARSHAL'S INQUIRIES.

Fire Marshal Sheldon went to the scene of the fire yesterday afternoon and made a careful examination of the premises. Afterward he went to Bellevue Hospital and talked with Gertig's son Leo. The boy said he usually slept with his father and his uncle on the top floor of the house. His father went away on Friday evening and had not returned when the rest of the family and the boarders went to bed. The boy slept with his uncle until his mother came and took him out of bed, crying "fire." After dressing him she made him ascend the ladder to the roof. When she followed her dress was on fire. The boy was suffering so much from excitement that the Marshal gave directions to have him kept in the hospital until to-day. Mrs. Gertig's body had been removed to the morgue.

The police stationed at Gertig's beer-shop yesterday kept watch for the boarders who had disappeared during the fire. Late in the day Mrs. Gertig's brother appeared in company with John Ruhl, of No. 79 Willett-st. The men were taken before Marshal Sheldon at Fire Headquarters and examined. Ruhl said he went with Gertig to Fourteenth-st. on Friday night and left him there at 11 p. m. He had not seen him since. Gertig was with one of his boarders, a baker whose name Ruhl did not know.

Information was given to Mr. Sheldon last night that Gertig had insurance on his furniture and the stock in his shop to the amount of $2,000. It was said also that the ladder on which Mrs. Gertig and her son climbed to the roof yesterday morning was put in place on Thursday.

BURNING OF A DYE HOUSE AT DEDHAM.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BOSTON, Sept. 20.—The dye house belonging to the Merchant Woollen Mill, at Dedham, a large three-story brick building, 100x30 feet, was burned this afternoon. The mill employed five hundred men. The loss will be $75,000, on which there is no insurance. The engine and boiler in one end of the building were got out, but the wood and other machinery were a total loss. A new dryer and other fixtures worth $5,000 had been put in within a week.

DESTRUCTION OF WESTERN STEAMBOATS.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 20.—A fire which started in the pantry of the steamer Morning Mail shortly before 2 o'clock this morning, spread to the steamer Bonanza and the United States lighthouse tender Lily which were lying alongside. The Morning Mail and the Bonanza were burned to the water's edge, but the Lily escaped with the loss of her upper works. The boats were lying at the upper landing in Fulton, where a number of other steamers were tied up during low water. The steamers Cool and Sunkie were cut loose and floated away out of danger. No one is yet able to tell how the fire started. The Bonanza and Morning Mail were owned by the Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Big Sandy Packet Company. The Bonanza was built in 1876, and before its destruction was worth $26,000. The Morning Mail was built two years ago and was valued at $20,000. They were insured in Cincinnati companies for $20,000 each. The Lily's damage is estimated at $10,000.

DROWNED AT THE BURNING OF A TUGBOAT.

CHESTER, Pa., Sept. 20.—The tugboat J. B. Woodard, of Philadelphia, took fire at 2 o'clock this morning, while lying at the rolling mill wharf, South Chester. The crew cut her loose, and she drifted up to Jeffrey-st., when the tugs North America and Marcellus succeeded in towing her. She then burned to the water's edge, and is a total loss. The amount of the loss and the origin of the fire cannot be learned. Alfred Clark, a young man living in Philadelphia, one of the crew of the Marcellus, fell overboard in the excitement, and was drowned. His body has not been recovered.

FATALLY INJURED IN AN EXPLOSION.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 20.—A dispatch to *The News* from Vincennes, Ind., says that the boiler in Emerson & Calendar's mill exploded this afternoon, setting fire to the building, which was entirely destroyed. The loss is from $10,000 to $12,000. One of Mr. Calendar's sons was fatally injured.

A $150,000 BLAZE IN ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20. The Golden Eagle clothing store, at Fifth and Pine sts., owned by Browning, King & Co., New-York, was destroyed by fire at 3:40 this morning. The loss in stock is estimated at about $100,000; insured for $110,000. The loss on the building is slight and covered by insurance.

LOSSES AT VARIOUS PLACES.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20.—Fire broke out about 2:40 this morning in the carriage factory and warerooms of William D. Rogers & Co., Nos. 1,009 and 1,011 Chestnut-st. The valuable stock on the first floor was saved, but the contents of the upper stories were badly damaged. The loss is estimated at $80,000.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 20.—A dispatch from McDonald, Pa., says that the carriage works of William Wright, together with William George's grist mill and lumber yards, were entirely destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is $25,000, no insurance.

BOSTON, Sept. 20.—The excursion steamer Charles L. Swift, owned by Charles L. Swift of this city, and plying between here and Long Island, was burned at the latter place last night. The loss is from $15,000 to $20,000. The amount of insurance is unknown.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20.—A dispatch to *The Post-Dispatch* from Jerseyville, Ill., says that between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning the German Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost and the adjoining school-house were burned. The church was dedicated only recently and the school lacked only three days' work of completion. The church was insured for $2,000. The fire is ascribed to an incendiary.

THE MURDER AT TOMS RIVER.

NO ARREST YET MADE—MR. ROCKWELL FREES HIMSELF FROM SUSPICION.

TOMS RIVER, N. Y., Sept. 20.—This village seems to be paralyzed over the murder of James Wainwright. A score of theories are afloat, and every man in the neighborhood has his suspicions, but no positive evidence has been found against any one. Many of the stories are the common talk of village gossips, and harrowing tales of diabolical proportions grow almost in an instant from faint and indefinite clews. All yesterday and to-day Sheriff Allen and a posse continued the search for the body, but nothing was discovered except some pieces of bark, bearing stains of red paint, near the spot where the murdered man is supposed to have been put into a wagon. The party came in worn out with the two days' work.

The Wainwright family remained all day at their home, which from early morning till late into the night was thronged with an eager crowd. The sons spoke with sadness of their father's death, and while they had formed suspicions they could produce no convicting evidence. Of Mr. Rockwell, whose name had been brought into unpleasant notoriety, Mrs. Wainwright had naught but kind words. He had been, she said, a warm friend of the family for many years, ever looking to their interests and doing his utmost to aid them in various ways. He visited them last night and gave what consolation he could. Mr. Rockwell is indignant that any suspicion could attach to him, and by the advice of his counsel, A. T. Martin, he has determined to ask for an immediate and thorough investigation, saying that he can readily account for his whereabouts at the time of Wainwright's disappearance. Mr. Martin expressed his disgust at the rumors and classed them among the hundreds of ridiculous lies that are afloat. He says that the whole thing is done in the interest of politics. The same stories were brought up at the last election for sheriff, and all was done to defeat Rockwell, who is considered one of the best men in Toms River. "Wait till the reaction comes," he said, "and Rockwell will go in on a tidal wave."

Prosecuting Attorney Middleton arrived here this afternoon. He says it is his intention to hunt up all the facts he can and begin an investigation. No arrests have been made yet. John Austin, a brakeman on the railroad, said late this afternoon that Rockwell was entirely innocent, that he had found the clew and would follow it up.

RIVAL CLAIMANTS FOR AN ESTATE.

POTTSVILLE, Penn., Sept. 20.—A remarkable case is being tried in the courts of this county which is attracting considerable attention, especially among the lawyers. Robert Watkins, age fifty-four, then living at Llanganuon, Wales, married Ellen Llewellyn, who, several months after their marriage, gave birth to a son, which Watkins repudiated. He parted from his wife, came to America, and settled at Roaring Creek, Columbia County. Here he married Mary Evans. The first wife moved into England, married and had other children. Two children were born to Watkins here and then his second wife died. Some years subsequently he married Sarah Feats. Before the wedding, however, they made an ante-nuptial agreement by which neither was to have an interest in the estate of the other. Mrs. Feats was a widow possessed of considerable means. Watkins's two children had grown up meanwhile, and it was in their interest that the settlement was made. Two years ago he died, leaving a will by which his property was devised to his son and daughter, the children of Mary Evans. Notwithstanding the will and settlement, his widow set up a claim for her dower. While she was disputing this with the two heirs under the will, there appeared two other claimants to the estate. They were young folks, giving their names as Parry, and asserting that they were the offspring of the son of Ellen Llewellyn. Among the evidence that they offer as to the genuineness of their claim is a silver watch, which their grandmother presented to Watkins at the time of his marriage to her, and which he left behind when he fled from his great friends.

With these complications, already enough to eat up the $10,000 estate in lawyers' fees and court costs, there steps in a Mrs. Edwards, who produces a certificate of her marriage to Watkins and challenges the former Mrs. Feats and the other claimants to the property. The Parrys live in Luzerne County, while the legatees under the will live at Ashland, Schuylkill County. They are Robert M. Watkins and the wife of coal operator David Vaughn. The Parrys say that a sister of their grandmother came here to see Watkins twenty years ago, and was never heard of afterwards.

THE SHOTGUN IN VIRGINIA.

DANVILLE, Va., Sept. 20.—Albert Shafer, a blacksmith at Anton, Henry County, Wednesday, dangerously wounded J. A. Davis, with a shotgun. While Shafer was at work in his shop Davis, who had been drinking, wished to fight him, but was ordered away. Davis came back and stood in the door with his hand upon his hip pocket; whereupon Shafer threw a hammer and tongs at him. Davis then pointed a double-barrel shotgun at him; and Shafer, who had prepared his gun, fired a load of large shot into the abdomen of Davis, who fell with his shotgun in his hand. Some of Davis's friends afterward threatened an attack upon Shafer, but he was rescued and sent to Martinsville for trial.

CAPTURE OF AN ESCAPED LUNATIC.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Sept. 20.—Fenton Bergen, of Waterbury, and German Lamphrey, of New-Haven, two of the inmates of the hospital for the insane, who escaped on Thursday evening by jumping from a window in their ward, on the first floor, are still at large. They are thought to have started for home. The third of the fugitives, Edward Davenport, of New-Canaan, was captured roaming through the streets of Middletown last evening.

THE NEW-BRUNSWICK BANK TO RESUME.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

NEW-BRUNSWICK, Sept. 20.—Bank Examiner Shelley, directors Lewis L. Howell and Mahlon C. Martin returned from New-York this afternoon, and said that the National Bank of New-Jersey would surely resume in a few days, and that the depositors would be paid in full.

A BOY KILLED BY A PLAYMATE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Sept. 20.—Elmer Runyon, age about twelve, son of David S. Runyon, an attorney, was shot when standing near a cigar stand in the Arcade Hotel this afternoon by John Porter, a lad about the same age. The weapon used was a pistol, and Runyon, who was shot through the head, died instantly. Porter did not know that the piston was loaded.

VIRGINIA NEEDING RAIN.

PETERSBURG, Va., Sept. 20.—In consequence of the protracted drouth water in the city reservoir is lower than it has been for two years and the superintendent of the waterworks authorizes the statement that unless there are early fall rains there will not be enough water to supply the demands. From the adjacent counties comes the intelligence that the crops are suffering greatly for want of rain, and that if the drouth continues much longer the loss to the farmers will be considerable.

A VETERAN'S REMAINS BURIED AT HOME.

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky., Sept. 20.—The remains of General Benjamin Hardin Helm, who fell at Chickamauga, twenty-one years ago, were buried at his old home yesterday. The brigade also held its annual reunion, among those present being many from the Federal side of the line.

A SKELETON FOUND ON A MOUNTAIN TOP.

READING, Penn., Sept. 20.—The skeleton of a man was found this morning on the summit of the Blue Mountain, near Shartlesville, this county. From articles found near the skeleton, it is supposed to be the remains of Charles Werner, a wood-chopper who disappeared about three years ago.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES BY TELEGRAPH.

SUFFOCATED IN A SEWER.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 20.—John Sinn, a bricklayer, and John Reed, his helper, were suffocated by gas in a sewer at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, at Braddock, this morning. Sinn, age forty, leaves a wife and three children. Reed, age thirty-five, was unmarried.

ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SUICIDE.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Sept. 20.—John Lange shot his wife through the head this morning and then shot himself through the head. Lange is dead, but Mrs. Lange may recover. He was a laborer, age about fifty-eight, and a native of Darmstadt, Germany.

WELCOME TO JAS. G. BLAINE.

GREAT DEMONSTRATION IN FIFTH-AVE.

IMMENSE CROWDS PACK THE STREET—SPEECHES BY MR. BLAINE, SENATORS HAWLEY AND HALE AND OTHERS—A BRILLIANT PARADE.

The informal serenade which it had been proposed to tender Mr. Blaine at the Republican National Committee Headquarters last evening became, by the will of the citizens of New-