Iron County Register

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

MINISTER PHELPS was presented to the Queen by ex-Minister Lowell on the 19th.

FRENCH and Chinese diplomates are making rapid progress with the treaty of peace.

OWING to the illness of the German Emperor, the King of Belgium has postponed his visit.

THE St. Petersburg police recently arrested eleven Anarchists and seized many Nihilist documents.

SPAIN has called on France for an explanation of the hoisting of the French flag on Spanish territory in Africa.

EFFORTS are being made in England to divert emigration to the British colonies instead of to the United States.

JOHN A. LOGAN received 103 votes, and was re-elected United States Senator by the Illinois Legislature on the 19th.

A SCHEME is on foot among the railroad companies to make up a fund to reopen the New Orleans Exposition next year.

THE Secretary of the Treasury on the 18th received a conscience contribution of $100 in an envelope postmarked Chicago.

A PROPOSITION is before the Dominion Parliament to grant aid to the families of volunteers killed or wounded in the Northwest.

SEVENTEEN people lost their lives at a fire at Cincinnati, O., on the 21st. Several of them were killed by jumping from upper windows.

IT is semi-officially announced at Paris that Bismarck offered to arbitrate for the settlement of the dispute between Russia and England.

R. E. ODLUM, a swimming teacher, jumped from Brooklyn bridge into East River on the 19th, and was killed. His object was notoriety.

EL MAHDI is retiring his troops everywhere. He himself is retiring toward Job el Etiri, leaving his steamers at Sabat, on the White Nile.

IN accordance with notice recently given by the English Government, troops in the Soudan are being "concentrated for possible service elsewhere.

THE President does not seem to be in any haste about filling the Italian mission. There are several applicants, as the Italian court is rather a desirable one.

CHIEF GERONIMO and fifty Chricahua bucks have left the San Carlos reservation and gone on the war-path. Soldiers are in pursuit, and bloodshed is expected.

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS BLACK has quit Willard's and gone to housekeeping with a view of sticking close to business all summer, as the work in his department is heavy.

OIL men from Oil City, Pa., have leased over 1,000 acres of territory near Greenboro, Greene County, bordering on the old Dunkard oil fields, and will put down a test well at once.

SEVERAL prominent church people held a religious meeting recently on Boston Common, and have been arrested therefor. It is said there will be more meetings and more arrests.

THE subscription to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's issue of $4,000,000 in four and a half per cent. gold bonds have already exceeded in London six times the amount of the loan.

THE Mackin-Gallagher election fraud case of Chicago will have to go to the United States Supreme Court, on account of disagreement on one point by Judges Harlan and Gresham.

GLADSTONE says nothing has been settled regarding arbitration of the Russo-English trouble. Political circles in England are agitated over reports of new dissensions in the Cabinet.

SOCIALISTS and Anarchists will not be allowed to participate in the annual parade of the Chicago Trades Assembly. All banners except the National colors and regular Union banners are to be excluded.

PAUL BOYTON'S little joke is considered of as much importance to the British navy as the Afghan quarrel. The sentry on duty on the Garnet at the time has been sentenced to forty-five days' confinement.

MGR. GRANDIN, Bishop of the Northwest, has written a letter giving a description of the deplorable condition of the French half-breeds in the country. Starvation and misery stare them in the face.

BARON WEMYRS made a bitter attack on the government's policy in the Soudan in the British House of Lords on the 18th. He said England's only memorials there were "an abandoned railway and bleaching skeletons."

IN Italian Government circles it is denied that Italy has any intention of evacuating the Soudan because of the prevalence of typhus fever among the Italian troops at Massowah. It is also denied that Italy intends to relinquish her colonial policy.

THE police census-takers of Washington, D. C., have about completed their work, and the result shows that there are 204,453 people in Washington and Georgetown combined. This is a very rapid increase of the total population. There are at least 60,000 negroes.

THE Treasury Department on the 20th purchased 606,000 ounces of silver bullion for delivery at the New Orleans mint for coinage into silver dollars. The price paid was one and a quarter cents per ounce lower than the lowest price fixed by bidders the previous week.

A CIRCULAR letter has been prepared at the Treasury Department which says that while it is not considered the business of the department to assist in the collection of bills, the continued refusal of employes to meet their just debts will be considered sufficient cause for their discharge.

THE President has decided to give the District of Columbia offices to bona fide residents of the district. This will prove a sad disappointment to some of the applicants, especially those who want to be Marshal. This is the place eagerly sought after, on account of the prominence it gives the person who fills it.

ALL the mules were hoisted from the Pennsylvania colliery at Mt. Carmel, Pa., on the 22d, and it looks as though the strike, whereby 700 men are made idle, will continue for a long time. The eighteen per cent. reduction also affected the colliery superintendents, in consequence of which they tendered their resignations. It is a picnic for the mules anyhow.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE Hereford bull Rudolph, valued at $40,000, died at Cheyenne, Wy., on the 19th after a surgical operation for a tumor.

A CONFERENCE of representatives of telephone companies operating under the Bell patent throughout the country is to be held in Boston.

CHARLES RUSSELL, new American Consul at Liverpool, has arrived at his post.

THE body of Robert Marsingburg, whose mysterious disappearance agitated Petersburg, Va., has been found in the woods; evidently murdered.

REPORTS made by the St. Louis Cotton Exchange committees having charge of arrangements for the Wool-Growers' Convention in that city, show everything in a satisfactory condition and ample funds guaranteed.

THE reported engagement between Colonel Otter's command and Poundmaker has not been confirmed, and up the 19th nothing had been received tending to show such an engagement had occurred. A private dispatch from Battleford reported all quiet there.

JOHN ROGERS, bricklayer, was killed at Baltimore, Md., on the 20th, by the fall of a scaffold.

HOG-PACKING in the West during the seven days ended the 20th amounted to 155,000 head.

A DEMONSTATION of the British navy on a gigantic scale is to take place in Bantry Bay, Ireland, concluding with a grand sham battle on the water.

EX-SECRETARY FRELINGHUYSEN died at Newark, N. J., on the 20th.

MINISTER COX will start for Turkey the middle of June.

AN international sanitary conference is in session in Rome.

THE steamer Dacona arrived at Halifax on the 20th much damaged by icebergs.

SIX dwellings and a wheelbarrow factory were destroyed by fire at Cincinnati, O., on the 20th.

DR. ROHLES, the German agent in Zanzibar, has been recalled.

THE registration of voters bill was passed by the British House of Lords on the 20th.

J. P. KINNEY, ex-Postmaster at Stulton, Pa., was convicted of embezzlement.

FIVE hours' fighting near the town of Armenia, in San Salvador, resulted in a victory for the Salvadorian army and the rout of the revolutionists.

HON. B. W. HANNA will go as Minister to the Argentine Republic instead of to Persia.

THE Home for Confederate Veterans near Richmond, Va., was formally opened on the 20th.

THE Encaustic Tile works at Indianapolis, Ind., were sold by the receiver on the 20th for $73,000.

POUNDMAKER and his Indians are constantly becoming more troublesome in the Northwest.

PETER CLARK, a colored Democrat of Cincinnati, O., wants to be Register of the Treasury.

DENMARK'S new Consul-General, Ludwig Ernest de Lovenorn, arrived in Washington on the 20th.

RUSSIA is arranging for a grand naval display to be reviewed by the Czar.

EARL CARNES is to succeed the Earl of Rosse as Chancellor of Dublin University.

BISMARCK and the Russian ambassador to Germany have had several long conferences recently.

JONES COUNTY, IA., is agitated over a new disease that kills people quickly and baffles the doctors.

JAMES HAGGETT, who assisted Odlum to make his fatal leap from Brooklyn bridge, has been arrested.

A GRAND rally of California Salvation soldiers took place at Sacramento on the 20th, which terminated in a riot.

FRENCH Canadians are moving in behalf of Louis Riel, the rebel leader. They say he must not be hanged.

SEVERAL valuable paintings by renowned artists, on exhibition at the London Academy, have been badly cut and scratched.

RUFUS MAGEE, the new Minister to Norway, was given a farewell banquet by the citizens of Logansport, Ind., on the 20th.

THE President is declining all invitations received from various parts of the country, because of pressing business.

OHIO Republicans are agitated over the question of Sherman's desire for another term in the United States Senate.

HOWARD COOPER, Baltimore's black brute, has been sentenced to hang. His case has been appealed.

ELIJAH SMITH and wife were run over and killed by a train near Detroit, Mich., on the 21st.

CONGRESSMAN RANDALL says the time for tariff reform has arrived, and is accordingly preparing a bill for the next session of Congress.

WADE E. HAMPTON, nephew of the South Carolina Senator, a postal clerk in Iowa, has been sentenced to a year in jail for rifling registered letters.

DR. W. G. GREEN, of the Second Comptroller's office, has been dismissed by Secretary Manning for offensive partisanship. T. Owen Roberts, of Maryland, succeeds him.

LOUIS FRANCIS, a Frenchman, was arrested in New York on the 20th while carrying the mutilated remains of a woman, tied up in a bag, toward the river. He said she died a natural death, but indications point to a most brutal murder.

RIEL, the rebel, is said to be an American citizen.

JAMES MAXWELL, banker, dropped dead at Wheeling, W. Va., on the 21st.

RUMORS of cholera in England are wholly unfounded.

DELAWARE is agitated over a fresh outbreak of pleuro-pneumonia.

SIG. DEPRETIS, Italian prime minister, wants to retire from public life.

RUSSIA is fortifying and constructing batteries along the Gulf of Finland.

THERE is an effort being made at New York to establish an American school of opera.

SENATOR BLACKBURN contradicts the report that he is mad at the President.

CUNNINGHAM and Burton, the dynamiters, have been placed in the convict prison at Chatham.

IT is generally believed that a general strike of iron-workers will be averted.

THE Iron Manufacturers' Offensive and Defensive Alliance was in session at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 21st.

UNION miners will accept a reduction of wages and go to work at New Straitsville, O.

J. A. VAN GELDER, teller of the Union National Bank of New York, is a defaulter for $33,000.

MARSHAL HENRY AUER and a boy were fatally shot by Albert Guest at New Straitsville, O. Auer was trying to arrest Guest.

THE jury trying Justus Schwab, the Socialist, at New York, disagreed and were discharged.

THE total pension payments for May will amount to $10,000,000.

CANADA is rigidly enforcing the law against the importation of goods the product of convict labor.

AT Regina, Northwest Territory, the customs officer has been arrested for bringing spirituous liquor there.

WILLIAM GEILS, fifteen years old, killed himself in Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 21st because he was disappointed in love.

SAMUEL NEWTON, a Choctaw Indian, has been sentenced in the Nation to be shot on June 5th for wife murder.

FRANZ KARLIND killed a three-year-old child, a man named Lepig and himself at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 21st. No known cause.

COMMISSIONER FINK argued before the inter-State Commerce Committee at New York on the 21st against government interference with railroad rates.

EDWIN FLEMING, who has become managing editor of the Buffalo *Courier*, was banqueted on the 21st by the newspaper correspondents at the National Capital.

THE London *Times* thinks there is a European combination against England's interests in Egypt. Hostile Arabs are again becoming active about Suakim.

C. G. STIFEL, of St. Louis, was selected for Vice-President by the Brewers' National Association. W. J. Lemp, of the same city, is one of the trustees.

VICTOR HUGO died in Paris on the 22d.

FRED GOLDSTRAHM fatally shot Isaac Cook at Elizabeth, N. J., on the 22d.

A NUMBER of British officers recently arrived at Herat and were warmly welcomed.

THE New York Legislature passed the census bill on the 22d and adjourned sine die.

MILES CITY, Mont., had another serious conflagration on the 22d; loss, $60,000.

THE Italian press urges the recall of the troops in Egypt on account of the prevalence of sickness.

FEDERAL and Confederate graves were decorated at Portsmouth, Va., on the 22d.

UNCERTAINTY and anxiety regarding the relations with Russia are on the increase in England.

WILLIAM T. BISHOP has been appointed Revenue Collector at Cincinnati, O.

RUSSIAN engineers are strengthening the fortifications of Sebastopol.

HENRY BOLZ has been held for trial at Elizabeth, N. J., for the murder of Herman Aertz.

POUNDMAKER, the bad Indian of the Northwest, having learned of the capture of Riel, wants to stop the war. He is begging for terms.

L. ROSENZWEIG obtained a judgment for $48,750 damages against the Lake Shore Road at Erie, Pa.

DURING the seven days ended the 23d there were 214 business failures in the United States and twenty-five in Canada, a total of 239, against 248 the preceding week.

RESIGNATIONS of 3,000 fourth-class Postmasters are in the hands of the Postmaster-General.

IT is said a son of Nana Sahib, the East Indian butcher, is an officer in the Russian army, and is treated with princely honors.

A COMMITTEE to welcome the Bartholdi statue has been appointed by the New York Board of Aldermen.

THE Mohammedan population of the region of the upper Congo are threatening trouble and interference with the "march of civilization."

THE Legislature of Michigan, on the 22d, adopted resolutions vindicating Mr. Lothrop, Minister to Russia, from charges made by the New York press.

BUSH fires are raging in the vicinity of Quebec.

ANNIE CUTLER, colored, who killed her lover at Philadelphia, has been adjudged guilty of murder in the first degree.

COUNSEL has been secured for Riel through the generosity of a friend.

AN insane woman near Lancaster, Pa., set a barn on fire and burned herself, twelve head of cattle and two colts to death.

THE five Chicago Italian murderers who killed Caruso and shipped his body in a trunk, were arraigned on the 22d. They pleaded guilty, but their pleas were set aside and pleas of not guilty entered.

REPORTS received by the Commissioner of Agriculture from all over the country indicate a shortage of 117,000,000 bushels in the winter wheat crop.

SECRETARY MANNING has called for the resignation of S. Willard Saxton, a division chief in the First Comptroller's office. Saxton refuses to resign, insisting that there are no charges against him, either of incompetency or offensive partisanship.

THE British House of Commons has adjourned until the 4th of June.

PROF. SAMUEL JONES, professor emeritus of physics and chemistry in Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, D. C., died on the 22d.

COLONEL HUNTER BROOKE, of Ohio, a clerk in the Adjutant-General's office, died in Washington, D. C., on the 22d, of pneumonia, after a brief illness. Colonel Brooke served as a staff officer during the war with Generals Robert L. McCook, Rosecrans and George H. Thomas.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL GRANT'S condition on the 24th was reported as favorable.

A TERRIFIC explosion took place under a train near Denver on the 24th.

THE remains of Victor Hugo were laid in state in the Arc de Triomphe, Paris.

HON. E. B. EWING, newly appointed Consul-General to Mexico, is at Washington.

FRENCHY, a noted cracksman, has been captured at New York.

THE night express on the Pan-Handle Road was wrecked on the 24th near Mount Vernon, O.

COMMISSIONER COLMAN is investigating dairy products, butter imitations, etc.

MATTERS are assuming a violent shape in the railroad strike at Denver.

COMMISSIONER COLMAN will be present at the Wool Growers' Convention in St. Louis.

AT Cincinnati the United States treasure has been removed from the old quarters to the new building.

THE sanitary conference at Rome has declared land quarantine useless.

A RECEIVER has been appointed for the Havana, Rantoul & Eastern division of the Wabash sytem.

CAPTAIN INNE, owner of the steamer John Greenaway, on Lake Onondaga, N. Y., was killed on the 24th by the explosion of a boiler.

THERE was a serious communistic riot in Paris on the 24th.

MR. O'BRIEN, editor of *United Ireland*, addressed the Nationalists at Cullaville, County Armagh, on the 23d, and denounced the Government's land purchase bill.

Two hundred thousand dollars have been voted by the people of Pine County, Arizona, in aid of a railroad.

THE New York *Times* attacks Mr. Loring's administration of the Agricultural Department.

M. H. PHELAN, of St. Louis, has been appointed Consul at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

FIRE destroyed the principal business block at Lansing, Mich, on the 23d.

VICTOR HUGO bequeathed $10,000 to the poor.

AL FRANKS killed an Italian scissors-grinder at Cedar Rapids, Ia., on the 23d.

SECRETARY WHITNEY insists on another and thorough test of the Dolphin.

THIRTY THOUSAND Russian Poles are being expelled from Germany.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S French cook has been superseded by an Irishman.

RECEIVERS have been appointed at New York for the Postal Telegraph Company.

RIEL has been turned over to the police authorities at Regina, Northwestern Territory. His American citizenship will cut no figure in his trial or punishment.

PEOPLE of Washington are greatly agitated about the alleged impurity of the water supply of the city.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Typos, Attention!

The following prizes will be offered at the annual meeting of the Missouri Press Association at Columbia, June 2d and 3d next

FOR BEST DISPLAY OF JOB PRINTING.

First Prize.—$25 in gold, by the Association.

Second Prize—The Snider & Holmes Gold Medal, for annual competition, now in possession of *Hamilton News-Graphic*.

FOR BEST SPECIMEN OF JOB PRINTING.

First Prize.—$25 in gold, by the Association.

Second Prize.—The Central Type Foundry Gold Medal, for annual competition, now in possession of the *Montgomery Standard*.

None but members of the Association are eligible to this contest. St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Hannibal and Sedalia are barred from competing.

The specimens competing for these prizes must be in the hands of the Awarding Committee the first day of the Convention.

Miscellaneous Items.

People who obtain marriage licenses in St. Louis will hereafter have their ages printed in the daily publication of licenses issued.

A. C. Hull, ex-Chief of the St. Louis Fire Department, is dead; aged sixty-five years.

Cliff C. Jones, bookkeeper for the Champion Machine Company at St. Joseph is said to be short in his accounts between $6,000 and $10,000. He has heretofore borne a good reputation. He has absconded. Poker-playing is the cause of his downfall.

Mrs. Robert Baily was grossly insulted by a man named Browning at Mendota, and resented it by shooting him dead.

Larry Cunningham killed John Coleman in St. Louis a few days ago. Mrs. Coleman asked Cunningham to protect her from the brutality of her husband. He tried to comply with her request with the result stated.

Sixty-four head of shorthorn cattle sold at Lee's Summit, recently, for an average of $161.50.

William Baggott has resigned the position of Marshal of the Court of Appeals at St. Louis. His successor has not been appointed.

An unknown man committed suicide by jumping off the St. Louis bridge a few nights ago. He yelled lustily for help and swam for life, but the waves swallowed him up.

A verdict of suicide was rendered in the case of Mrs. Reynolds, whose mysterious death in St. Louis has been recorded.

A great crowd attended the Blair Monument unveiling at Forest Park, St. Louis, but a storm interfered somewhat with the ceremonies.

Secretary Bayard is afraid he can not find time to keep his promise to discourse on Thomas Jefferson before the Missouri University.

A man named Rogers fatally wounded his brother near Sikeston a few days ago. He fled, was pursued, and refusing to surrender was shot to death.

Lindell Post, G. A. R., of Chillicothe, has invited all ex-Confederate soldiers to participate in memorial services May 30th.

The legal height of the hedge fence in Missouri is five feet.

The Coroner's investigation in the matter of the recently collapsed building in St. Louis resulted in holding the contractors who were doing the excavating responsible for the accident.

John Burns and Thomas Doran were killed and Thomas Killian badly hurt by the explosion of a meter at the St. Louis gas works a few days ago.

Articles of association have been filed with the Secretary of State and a certificate issued thereon to the John A. Logan Produce Company, St. Louis. Capital $3,000.

Deputy County Marshal Silver, assisted by City Marshal Liddell, arrested twenty-nine tramps at Independence a few nights ago who were found sleeping in box cars at the Missouri Pacific and Chicago and Alton depots. They were arraigned on a charge of vagrancy, and twenty-two out of the twenty-nine were convicted and given twenty days each in the County Jail.

The formal opening of the new Chamber of Commerce building in St. Joseph will take place Friday and Saturday, June 5th and 6th. A public ball, followed by a banquet will take place Friday night, and on Saturday afternoon the formal dedication will occur. The affair will be very elegant. The Chamber of Commerce building is the finest and costliest structure in the city.

A farmer named Elijah Kinworth lost his life a few nights ago by falling over the bluff near Marion, a small town in Cole County, on the Missouri River. He had been drinking, and started home with his team, which he left, and wandered away to the bluff, at the foot of which his dead body was found the next morning.

B. F. Jones, President, and Wm. Renicke, Atterney of the National Waterworks Company, of Louisville, Ky., accompanied by Chief Engineer G. W. Piersons, of the Kansas City Water-works, visited Sedalia recently, their mission being to endeavor to secure the franchise and the water-works of the City of Sedalia by purchase, with a view to establishing the Baker system, under the management and control of the National Water-works Company.

C. C. Jones, the defaulting book-keeper and cashier of the Champion Machine Company at St. Joseph, is still missing. It was thought he was lurking in the woods between St. Joseph and the first railway station north. All points were being closely watched and his capture was regarded as almost certain. The amount of his embezzlement is said to exceed $5,000.

A grand reunion of the Alumni and former students and of the friends of Missouri State University at Columbia, will be held from Sunday, May 31st, until Thursday, June 4th inclusive. The baccalaureate discourse will be delivered by Rev. W. Pope Yeaman, D. D.; the annual address before the literary societies, by Hon. A. W. Terrell, of Austin, Tex., and the oration before the Alumni Association by Hon. Stephen B. Elkins, of New York. Detective Tracy will go for Maxwell.

Emma Baldwin, aged fifteen, and W. M. Williams, nearly forty, eloped recently from Gillespie, Ill., and were followed to St. Louis by the girl's father. After a stormy scene, followed by a few words in private between father and daughter, the old gentleman consented to the marriage.

Arrangements are on foot at Higginsville, Lafayette County, for the organization of a society composed of the members of General Jo Shelby's brigade. A call has been issued for a meeting to be held on the 29th inst., at which time a permanent organization will be effected and arrangements made for a grand reunion.

Robert Beverly was arrested at Lexington for forging a draft for $300.

Kinzey Marr went West from Missouri about thirty years ago, leaving his wife and son. He died last month, leaving a large estate in Washington Territory, and his wife is called on to claim it.

The chemical examination of the stomach of Mrs. Matilda Reynolds, who died recently in St. Louis under suspicious circumstances, disclosed about half an ounce of arsenic.

A three-story house on Olive street, St. Louis, collapsed into an excavation in the adjacent lot a few days ago. One laborer lost his life and another was taken from the ruins with a broken arm.

There were 103 deaths in St. Louis last week, and 176 births.

A LEAP TO DEATH.

A Washington Swimming Master's Advertising Scheme.

He Leaps From the Brooklyn Bridge to the River Below, and Pays for the Rash Effort for Cheap Notoriety With His Life.

NEW YORK, May 20.—R. E. Odlum, a Washington swimming master, who was well known in the capital and who taught the children of President Hayes and President Garfield the art of swimming, jumped from the great span of the Brooklyn Bridge into the East River yesterday afternoon and was killed by the concussion. Odlum, in whose mind the deeds of Sam Patch and other famous jumpers were ever present, had for some time entained the idea of jumping from the great bridge. He thought he could do it successfully, as he had made many jumps from lofty elevations into the Potomac, and he was perfectly at home when once in the water. He said only half an hour before he made the fatal leap that he had perfect confidence in his ability to make the fearful descent and emerge from the water unhurt. He would thus eclipse the achievements of Sam Patch, and not only win fame but advertise himself, and so help his business in Washington.

STRATEGY.

He had announced his purpose beforehand, and the bridge police were on the lookout for him, determined that the foolhardy attempt should not be made. It became necessary, therefore, to contrive some strategy by which the police could be thrown off the scent. This did not prove to be difficult. At a quarter before five o'clock this afternoon a man dressed in a swimming costume and accompanied by friends drove upon the bridge from the New York side and trotted swiftly out toward the center. The man's dress at once attracted the attention of the police, and believing that he was the would-be jumper they started in pursuit. The wagon was stopped near the center of the bridge and the police immediately surrounded it, leaving their posts along the roadways. This was the opportunity that Odlum desired, for the man in the swimming costume was simply a dummy whom he had sent ahead to draw off the blue coats.

THE JUMP.

As soon as he saw the road was clear, Odlum, accompanied by two attendants and wearing an overcoat closely buttoned over his red trunks, drove rapidly upon the bridge in an ordinary express wagon. He excited no suspicion. When the express wagon reached a point about half way between the New York tower and the center of the bridge it suddenly stopped and Odlum, throwing off his disguise, leaped from the wagon, jumped upon the outside railing of the bridge, his red tights showing with startling distinctness against the sky, and raising one arm made a signal to some friends who were watching him from a tugboat in the middle of the river below.

He did not wait a minute after giving his signal, but placing his hands by his side and pressing his feet together he slid quickly from the railing and in an instant was shooting toward the water, 136 feet below. With frightful velocity he sped downward, still holding himself in position, his straight, red form flashing like an arrow through the air. Suddenly, and for what reason will never be known, when the descent was about half completed, his friends were horrified to see him lose his balance, spread his arm in a vain attempt to regain it and then whirl around in the air and strike the water, with a resounding blow, flat upon his back and side.

FATALLY HURT.

The tug steamed instantly to his side, and, mangled and bleeding, he was lifted from the water. It was seen at once that he could not live. His ribs were crushed in, his body was black and blue, blood was spurting from the bursted veins and arteries in his side and legs and his skin was swollen into lumps, where the blood was striving to break out The tugboat put quickly for the New York shore and stopped at Old Slip, and a messenger was sent post haste for an ambulance, but before the crushed and bleeding form could be lifted from the boat life was extinct. Those who timed Odlum's descent as it was watched from the tugboat say just four and one-half seconds elapsed from the time he slid from the railing until he struck the water. The body was removed to Kennedy's morgue and an undertaker was summoned, while the news of Odlum's death was telegraphed to his wife in Washington, who is left with a family of young children.

SPECTATORS OF THE LEAP.

A rumor of what was to be done had spread over the lower part of the city, and the wooden piers in the neighborhood of the bridge were filled with people. When the form of Odlum shot downward every tongue was silent, but as, whirling helplessly, the figure struck the water, a great shout arose from the bridge, from the piers, from the ferryboats, tugs and schooners in the river. Paul Boyton, who stood in the bow of the tugboat containing Odlum's friends, was the first to recover from the horror that seemed to have seized upon all and to call for the instant rescue of the jumper. Boyton himself plunged overboard, as the helpless body was seen half submerged and sinking after its first rise to the surface and kept Odlum's head above water until the boat rescued them both.

Odlum recovered sufficiently to ask in a dazed sort of way if he had made a good jump. Odlum was thirty-seven years old, and had been a jumper and swimmer for twelve years. The jump was not made for money or a prize of any kind, but simply for glory, and the advantage that might accrue to him from the reputation it would give him.

The Young Men's Catholic Union.

NEWARK, N. J., May 20.—The Eleventh Annual National Convention of the Young Men's National Union assembled in the Catholic Institute in this city to-day. Delegates from all the principal cities in the Union are present. The Convention will last to-day and to-morrow. Among those who have been invited to address the convention are Governor Abbett and ex-Postmaster-General James. The question of freedom of worship in reformatories and penal institutions will be prominently brought forward in the Convention.

Turning the Rascals Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—Commissioner of Pensions Black has recommended for dismissal a special examiner of his office for falsifying his daily report and one of his accounts, which examiners are required to render monthly for reimbursement of official expenditures. Evidence of the examiner's guilt is conclusive, showing, as it does, that he charged the Government for transportation never used; entering charges for per-diem during several days not officially employed and post-dating his livery vouchers to harmonize the accounts. Another special examiner was dismissed for falsifying his daily report.

WHITNEY WANTS TO KNOW

Why it Has Cost $900,000 to Reconstruct the Mohican When a New Vessel of the Same Class Could be Constructed for One Third the Sum—The Mare Island Navy Yard to be Investigated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.—Secretary Whitney has convened a board of five naval officers, to meet at the Mare Island Navy Yard, and inquire into the expensive manner in which repairs to vessels have been made at that yard. In his letter to Commodore Russell, Commandant of the yard, informing him of this action, the Secretary says:

"In the line of the suggestions contained in my letter to you of April 15th, I have made such investigations as my limited time would permit into the expenditures made at the Mare Island Navy Yard of late years, for the purpose of satisfying myself as to its condition as a place for the efficient performance of public work. Taking certain lines of inquiry as tests, I am compelled to express the greatest astonishment at the results indicated. The steamship "Mohican" was taken out of commission in 1872. Since that time she has remained in the Mare Island yard undergoing reconstruction, including the substitution of new machinery for the old. She is now substantially ready for sea, and within the next sixty days will re-enter the service. From the accounts of this department it appears that there has been spent on her in the Mare Island yards $845,000, which, with further amounts to come in, will raise her total expenditures to about $900,000, and this upon a wooden vessel of about 1,900 tons displacement. More than two-thirds of this has been spent within the last three years. For the fact that she is of a class now obsolete as an effective weapon of war, and substantially worthless, the yard can not be held responsible. But that the expense of this reconstruction in the Mare Island yard has cost the Government at least three times what a new ship of the same character and class could have been built for, does certainly indicate the most extraordinary mismanagement and wastefullness.

Similar indications appear to me in the case of partial repairs and replacements made upon other vessels not necessary to comment upon in detail. It may be said that the economy, or lack of economy, with which repairs are conducted, is in general, a thing difficult to prove. But circumstances like these exhibited in the case of the Mohican are entirely incapable of explanation, except upon the ground that either through a fault of system or for some other reason the public money spent in the Mare Island Yard, is, in the main, thrown away."

Secretary Whitney has also directed the officers responsible for the repairs to the "Omaha" to explain why so large a sum, a half million dollars, was expended in repairs to that vessel in the Portsmouth (N. H.) yard.

SUCCESSFUL FORGERS.

The Operations of a Regularly Organized Gang—A Chicago Bank Done Up for $7,000.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 21.—The following dispatch from Wm. Pinkerton was sent to Police Headquarters at St. Louis yesterday:

"CHICAGO, May 19.

"Lawrence Harrigan, Chief of Police:

"An Englishman named H. S Strong obtained $7,000 from a bank in this city by passing forged letters of credit. Description—fifty years old, five feet seven inches high, weighs 200 pounds, red, full face, mutton-chop gray whiskers, wore round top derby hat, dark cutaway coat, drab check pants and had heavy single link gold chain. Supposed to have left here to-day. Watch trains and examine hotels. If found, arrest and wire me.

[Signed] "W. A. PINKERTON."

Detective Pinkerton said to a reporter that Strong, or whatever his real name is, evidently belonged to a gang of robbers who have previously operated in this country and Canada. The victims of Strong's forgery in this city are the officers and shareholders of the Canada Bank of Commerce, and the amount is $7,000.

The forgers usually make up as Scotch farmers, desirous of going into the farming or stock-raising business in this country, or English tourists, younger sons of the aristocracy, etc

In the case of Strong, it appears he presented himself yesterday at the Canadian Bank of Commerce in this city, presenting letters of credit of the National Bank of Scotland, Glasgow. The signatures appeared to be all right, and the cash was promptly paid over the counter. Mr. Strong seemed to be an aristocratic person. He spoke little, and conducted himself to the mind of the bank cashier like an ordinary English gentleman of fortune on pleasure or business bent.

About the same time, or soon after, another person, or it may be the same person, representing himself to be a Britisher, called at the Bank of Montreal and asked for some cash on letters of credit similar, it is believed, to those presented at the Bank of Commerce. The Bank of Montreal people wanted an identification, and the Britisher pretended to set out to find identification, and did not return

It was not many minutes after the Bank of Commerce had been victimized that they suspected they had been sold. They happened to read some dispatches in the morning papers concerning the arrest of two forgers at Montreal who had attempted to raise money on letters similar to those that Strong played on them. They also received advices of like forgeries at Toronto and Ottawa, and became convinced that they had been swindled.

Striking Weavers.

NORRISTOWN, PA., May 22.—The employes of the worsted mills of Stanley, Lees and Horace Jones, at Conshohocken, dissatisfied with the wages paid, quit work yesterday. The strikers number nearly 300 male and female operatives. Some of the girls were willing to continue work, but were forced to follow the strikers. The strike has assumed larger proportions than any previous strike that ever occurred in Conshohocken.

England's Tolerance Denounced.

LONDON, May 22.—Dispatches from Vienna indicate some ill feeling against England in official circles. Count Von Tafe, President of the Ministry, is reported to have said for publication recently: "London is the great center for the printing of the revolutionary literature circulated on the continent. Until England becomes less tolerant toward alien conspirators, she should not expect any reciprocal action from the United States toward crushing out the anarchism of dynamiters who are giving so much trouble."

The Waning Hours of Victor Hugo.

PARIS, May 22.—The conversation of Victor Hugo as he lies on his death-bed refers almost entirely to the scenes of his childhood, which seem to revive in his mind as more recent impressions fade. When he talks during periods of delirium he invariably talks in Spanish, and his recollections seem to be of his early boyhood, which he spent in Spain, and which formed a particularly romantic and delightful part of his life. When his mind is clear, he surprises the friends who surround him by the clearness of his mental vision and the calmness with which he speaks of his approaching end.

A VERITABLE TRAP.

Another Awful Sacrifice to Improper Construction.

Working Girls Penned Up in the Upper Stories of a Burning Cincinnati Building With No Possibility of Escape—At Least Fifteen Lives Lost.

CINCINNATI, O., May 21.—At 1:30 this afternoon fire broke out in the five story building on the corner of Sixth and Walnut streets, occupied by Sullivan & Co., printers. There is also a laundry in the building in which a number of girls are employed. The flames spread so rapidly as to cut off their escape, and several of the girls jumped from the third story windows and were instantly killed. It is reported that seven girls were killed and two men injured.

CINCINNATI, O., May 22.—The buildings in which the fire originated yesterday afternoon is No.'s. 19 and 21 West Sixth street, occupied by Orth, Missell & Co., as a dye house; Sullivan & Co.'s steam printing works; Parisian Dyeing and Scouring Company. The Ledger-Postal News Company and J. R. Kinsley, gold, silver and nickel plating works.

Huge volumes of smoke burst from the fifth story windows of the bulding, followed by the half-smothered shrieks of frightened women, who immediately appeared at the windows, then, as they seemed to realize that all escape was cut off, one leaped into the air and fell to the pavement below. Cries of "Hold on!" from below, retarded the others for a moment, and then another leaped to the pavement below.

As soon as the fire had been located in the printing office, those in the vicinity familiar with the interior of the place first began to realize the awful tragedy that was inevitable. The second story contained the presses and machinery, employing about ten men and boys; the third story was the composing room, while on the fourth and fifth floors were the folding and binding departments.

The fire originated at the hatchway by the elevator on the second floor. A boy had just carried up a can of benzine and set it down at this point, when it almost immediately exploded. The burning benzine was thrown over the already greasy woodwork of the elevator, and in an instant the fire was drawn up to the fourth and fifth floors. Here were employed fifteen or twenty girls, and here the awful scene of death concentrated. There was no possible avenue of escape. In the rear and front alike were but barely two or three narrow windows, with no means of leaving the room save down a narrow stairway from floor to floor, and a clumsy elevator running through the center of the building. Every floor was packed with paper, which, together with the light pine woodwork, made rich food for the flames.

The fifth floor was also occupied as a folding-room, and here, too, were several of the girls employed. No escape was possible. Nothing but death could relieve them, and even had there been a chance, the fire was so sudden and fierce that the poor victims were obliged to give up their lives without a struggle.

Among the killed is John Sullivan, a nephew of the proprietor, who was on the second floor at the time the fire started. He at once rushed up to the fifth floor to save the women employed there, and finding his own escape cut off at the steps, went to work to save them through the window. Some one had got upon the roof from an adjoining building and threw a large rope down, and this the hero clutched, and standing on the window sill, shrouded in the hot, blinding smoke and flames, aided two of the women to grasp the rope and let themselves down, then seeing that no more pressed forward to be saved, he himself reached out and caught the line and began himself to descend, but he was not to live to reap the reward of his bravery. The treacherous flames had severed the strands, and before he had descended two yards the rope snapped above his hand, and he fell with a crash to the pavement to be crushed into a shapeless mass. He never breathed.

Josie Hocks, the last girl who came down the rope, is severely burned, and was taken to her home.

Chief of the Fire Department Wisbey said: "When I was able to get into the fourth story I had no suspicion of what I should find there. The house is not gutted; in fact, the fire was chiefly in the fifth floor, and the burning in the fourth is not considerable. I did not expect to meet such a sight as I saw. In the smoke that still filled the fourth floor I counted ten girls lying upon benches, tables, etc., or stretched upon the floor with not a hair singed. I don't wonder at it, however, as, excepting a hatchway, I was unable to find any way up or down from that floor, although I suppose there must be a stairway. It was a terrible sight—the worst I ever saw in my experience. They lay in all conceivable positions, where they had lain down or had fallen while wildly moving about in despair.

The following are the killed thus far reported:

Tillie Winn.

Fannie Jones, aged twenty-two.

Lizzie Meyer, aged sixteen.

Kate Lowrey.

Delia, Kate and Mary Leaban, aged twenty-three, fourteen and sixteen years, respectfully.

Kate and Mary Punton, aged twenty-two and nineteen, respectively.

Lizzie and Dollie Handel, aged twenty; twin sisters.

Annie McIntyre.

Annie Bell, aged forty-eight, a married woman.

Fanny Norton, age thirty-four.

John Sullivan, aged twenty-two.

The injured are:

Annie Pinchback, of Covington, Ky., seriously burned.

Josie Hacks.

Wm. P. Bishop, a printer, frightfully burned and crushed; will die.

Nannie Shepard, head badly cut.

Inter-State Commerce Committee.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The select committee on inter-State commerce consisting of United States Senators Shelby M. Cullom, of Illinois; Warner Miller, of New York; Orrville H. Platt, of Connecticut; Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, and Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee, was in session at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday morning. Simon Sterne appeared before the committee and stated his views upon the subject under consideration, and a remedy for the present evils in the management of inter-State commerce as carried on