THE CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

A WOMAN STABBED TO DEATH ON THE STAGE OF A

St. Louis Variety Theater—Attempt to Assassinate a Priest—Other Crimes and Casualties.

ST. LOUIS, MO., October 11.—Shortly before the performance was to begin last evening at the Alhambra Theater, a variety hall on St. Charles street, a terrible double tragedy was enacted behind the scenes, Josie Martelle, a rather pretty "specialty" woman, being stabbed and instantly killed by Frank Handmyer, who saved the hangman a job by immediately ending his own existence. The victims of the tragedy are said to have been husband and wife; at least to have occupied that relation to each other. The exact cause of the murder and suicide is unknown, but it is supposed to have been jealousy. During the afternoon Handmyeir, who was a worthless fellow, had quarreled with the woman. This evening he called her from her private dressing room, where she was preparing for the night's performance, into the general dressing room, and was heard to ask "Are you going to that," to which she replied very decidedly "No." Instantly Handmyer struck her with a knife, which went to her heart and she sank to the floor dead, without a cry. Then without moving from his tracks the murderer plunged the weapon into his own heart and fell dead beside his victim. Josie Martell was about 30 years of age and was well known to the patrons of the inferior sort of variety theatres.

Attempt to Assassinate a Priest.

PITTSBURG, PA., October 11.—Intense excitement prevails among the Polish residents of the South Side over an alleged attempt to assassinate the Rev. Father Miskewitz, who presides over the little Polish church at the head of Fifteenth street. It occurred about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, while the priest stood before the altar. Mass had been said, and the father had just turned to address the congregation, when crash came a bullet through a window on the south side of the church, flattening itself against the solid wall of the opposite side. For a minute confusion reigned in the church, women screamed, choir boys shouted and many of the male members of the congregation either pressed forward to see if Father Miskewitz was injured or rushed out of the building to find where the bullet came from. The priest showed great coolness, notwithstanding that the missile must have passed within six inches of his body. If it had been fired a minute sooner it would have passed through him. He turned, and with a gesture waved his flock to their seats, but not all of them, for by this time upwards of 100 had swarmed out into the street and into the yard of the parish building adjoining. No trace of the perpetrator of the deed could be found. There has been a good deal of trouble between the different factions in this church in time past, the most recent being a long and bitter fight with a company of hussars which the pastor refused to recognize.

A Bastardly Deed.

SOUTH BEND, IND., October 11.—John Hempstal, a dissolute farm hand, lately discharged from the employ of Mrs. O'Neil, returned to the farm today for his clothes. While he was in the house, Ida O'Neil, a handsome girl of 17 years, came home from church. As she entered the house, Hempstall drew a revolver and fired three shots, each one of which took effect. The girl will die. Hempstall escaped and is now at large. The supposed motive for the act is that Miss Ida refused to accept his attentions.

Mrs. Brusiaski's Murder.

HAZLETON, PA., October 11.—The finding of the murdered and outraged body of Mrs Brusinski in the woods near Jeddo last Saturday has caused great excitement among the people of that vicinity and a clew to the murderer has been discovered. A Hungarian named J. C. Zablin, one of the victim's boarders, has been missing since the horrible deed was perpetrated, and he is suspected of having murdered the woman. Zablin was the only person who could give information about the whereabouts of the woman just before she was missing.

Attempted Rescue of Train Robbers.

CAIRO, ILL., October 11.—While being taken to the Chester penitentiary last night the train robbers, Jeff and Miller, were very nearly rescued by a gang of their friends, who boarded the train at Conlier Station. Deputy Jailer Fitzgerald, however, put the gang to rout after capturing one of them. In the melee Miller was shot in the arm.

Jail Delivery.

SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH., October 11.—At 6 o'clock yesterday evening while the turnkey of the Chippewa county jail was serving supper to the prisoners, a break for liberty was made. The prisoners succeeded in locking up the jail and escaped, in all probability over the border.

Lost Their Lives by a Fire.

CINCINNATI, O., October 11.—This morning between 2 and 3 o'clock August Becker's residence and tailoring establishment, at No. 67 Moore street, was discovered to be on fire. Fifteen minutes were wasted in an attempt to turn in an alarm, and by the time of the arrival of the department the place was thoroughly cleared out. In searching among the remains two dead bodies were found. They were those of Margaret Link, aged 60, and her daughter, aged 18. They occupied rooms on the third floor and had evidently arisen, but had been unable to force their way out through the smoke and flames.

Disastrous Railroad Smashup.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., October 11.—On the Southern Pacific road, six miles west of here yesterday, two freight trains were traveling westward when the locomotive of the regular train overhauled the special, crashing into the caboose of the latter. Conductor Flanders and Brakeman Davis were in the caboose when the accident occurred. Flanders jumped down an embankment and is seriously injured. Davis was found after the accident horribly mutilated and pinned up against the freight cars. He died shortly after being extricated. Baker and Lucil, the engineer and fireman of the regular train, were both badly hurt. The engine and a dozen cars of valuable freight were wrecked.

Death of Ex-Senator Yule.

NEW YORK, October 11.—Ex-Senator D. L. Yule, of Florida, died yesterday at the Clarendon Hotel from heart disease. He was born in the West Indies in 1811. He was of Hebrew extraction, and his name was originally David Levi. His parents removed to Virginia when he was young, and in 1824 they removed to Florida. He served in Congress as a delegate from the Territory of Florida from 1841 to 1845 under the name of Levi. He fell in love with a Miss Wickliffe, of Kentucky, and it is said that one of the conditions of her engagement to him was that he should have his name changed. In the convention which framed the State constitution of Florida he served under the name of Yule. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1845, and served until January 21, 1861, when, with other Southern Senators, he withdrew. Of the Southern Senators who withdrew at the same time the only survivors now are Jefferson Davis and R. M. T. Hunter, of Virginia.

HUDSON BAY EXPEDITION.

REPORT OF COMMANDER GORDON MAKING IT PLAIN

That the Navigation of This Great Sheet of Water Is Unsafe and Hazardous.

HALIFAX, N. S., October 11.—The government steamer Alert returned to Halifax yesterday afternoon after an absence of nearly four months. This was the final trip of the Alert to the Hudson Bay region, all the observing stations being dismantled, and the observers, their instruments and other property brought to Halifax. Commander Gordon says: We sailed from Halifax on June 24th and went direct to Nachvak station. On our arrival off the station the ice was so thick and heavy that the steamer could not get into the coast, so we pushed on to the entrance to the straights. Thick fog then beset us, continuing for three or four days, during which the steamer became surrounded by ice and drifted south to a distance of seventy miles. When the weather cleared we worked to the eastward out of the ice pack and steamed up its edge to the north side of the strait. Here a perfectly clear entrance was found, quite different from the south side, where the ice field prevented our entry into the bay. No ice was encountered until North Bluff was reached, and in making from that point to Diggs seven or eight days were occupied. At Diggs the Alert remained two days making repairs and receiving a general overhauling. On the fourth day the expedition was continued to Churchill harbor, on the west side of Hudson Bay, that point being reached at the end of July. Churchill harbor was surveyed and was found to be a splendid harboring place, with not less than four feet of water at low spring tide. York factory was reached two days after leaving Churchill. Here a reconnoissance survey was made of the estuary of the Nelson river, and we found it a villainous place. During the stay here a gale was experienced, and the Alert rolled so much that her boats hanging in their davits would dip water up out of the sea. The water was so shoal at such a distance from land that a vessel could be only in five fathoms of water and at the same time land could not be sighted from her deck. The roadstead affords a very unsafe anchorage, and the channel of the river is narrow and tortuous. On returning to the strait, an inner channel apparently affording a mode of access clear through the strait was discovered. This discovery we regarded as especially important, as the channel might give ready entrance into the bay, while all the rest of the strait was blocked with ice.

THE CHICAGO DEFALCATION.

Looking Up the Record of Neeld—What Insurance Agents Say.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 11.—The flight of Nathan M. Neeld is the only matter talked of in financial circles. The more the matter of the embezzlement is stirred up the more sensational it becomes. Mr. Wheeler, the president of the Continental National Bank, says: "So far as the liability of the Board of Trade is concerned, when it makes a house 'regular' it is generally considered and acknowledged no liability whatever attaches to them. The foundation of all business is commercial integrity, and when these conditions are violated or disrupted in any way, as in the case in point, individual losses follow and confidence is more or less shaken. But, happily, these cases are rare." Among the insurance agents there is a new phase of Neeld's record, which is being talked of among them. Just before the removal of the firm here there was a fire at Indianapolis, and the insurance companies paid losses aggregating $300,000. The companies paid the losses promptly, and with that money the firm moved here. After the fire there was a little muttering of the men concerning the amount of stock destroyed. Neeld presented all the agents with scarf pins, representing a boy's head with large diamond eyes. Said one agent this morning: "I was always ashamed to wear that pin. I paid the losses of my company honestly, and did not put any faith in the few rumors that were afloat at Indianapolis, but I am dead certain that that house had been cleaned out before ever that fire occurred."

E. D Barnard, the agent who placed the insurance of the firm of J. C. Ferguson & Co., at Indianapolis, denies the statement published, wherein it was stated that some insurance agents were talking now about that fire in connection with their present troubles. "As our firm placed that line of insurance," said Mr. Barnard, "I feel it my duty to correct the impression that has gained ground. The firm of J. C. Ferguson & Co. had their packing house in Indianapolis destroyed by fire in February, 1881, when it was full of hog products, and many tierces were on the platform and in the yard. A committee of insurance men was appointed to adjust the loss, every one of whom will, I think, say that it was an honest loss, and that Mr. Neeld handled the salvage in a very satisfactory manner, and sold it to Chicago and Cincinnati parties at a good round figure."

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Seizure of Opium at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., October 11.—It was learned last night that the custom authorities had seized a large quantity of opium which was consigned in disguise of tea to Chung, Yick & Co., of this city, and which came over in the Belgic last Thursday. The value of the opium seized is $2000.

AN UNPRECEDENTED RUSH

OF ORDERS FOR MERCHANDISE AND MATERIAL

In All Branches of Trade, the Tendency in Prices Being Upward, Especially in Dry Goods.

[SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.]

PHILADELPHIA, PA., October 11.—There is an unprecedented rush of orders for merchandise and material in all branches. Prices are pointing upward, but as yet there has been no general advance. Business men are apprehensive of it and are preparing for it by ordering goods ahead. This is especially true in the dry goods trade, also in lumber, iron, steel, clothing, and in general merchandise and machinery. Many of the larger machine shops are sold up three to four months. The mills making dress goods, hosiery, silk, woolen and worsted, and the mills on worsted and woolen cloth are all oversold and overcrowded. Twenty million pounds of Western and foreign wools have been contracted for to be delivered through the fall and winter, and a further advance is probable. Jobbers are unable to obtain supplies fast enough. Boot and shoe manufacturers are running full time here and all through New England, and are able to keep up. Hides will decline in price and leather will advance.

Iron and Steel.—Business is crowding in. Rail makers are getting $34 for rails to be made next spring. The bridge iron makers are all sold up; so of plate. Prices are stronger. Pig iron is getting scarce, even with a production of 120,000 tons per week. Nails are $2 and $2 10; bars, $1 90 and $2.

Lumber.—There are sufficient supplies to keep prices from advancing much, if any. White pine and yellow pine are pouring into Atlantic markets and wholesalers are handling all of it at steady but not higher prices. Hemlock $11 50.

Coal.—The Anthracite combination has advanced prices on consumers and will crowd them higher yet. Demand is very active. Business is improving rapidly, and the consumption will be ahead of any former year. Last week's returns from sixty railroads shows a surprising increase in earnings. Foreign bond and stockholders contemplate heavy purchases here soon. Traffic is rapidly increasing. Large quantities of railway material, rails, locomotives and cars, besides lumber have been ordered. From all industrial centers reports of great activity are received, and the threatening upward tendency in prices is more ominous. The producing interests seem to fear an advance, strange as it may seem, and are fighting against it in all quarters, lest overproduction may swamp our industries as it did four years ago.

Capitalists are greatly encouraged. Several syndicates have been formed to prosecute great enterprises, also several important trade combinations have been quickly formed and more are talked of. Every industry is preparing for something to happen. The latest wheat and corn reports are favorable. Cereal exports are moderate. Leather exports for eight months have fallen off and boots and shoe exports have increased. Large investments will be made in the West and South next spring. Combinations are now being engineered to in Philadelphia and New York looking to industrial expansion and railroad extension on a scale of unprecedented magnitude.

It is to the interest of the governing powers of Europe to have a continental war, and diplomacy is playing its tricks to that end. Labor was never more generally employed and as a rule as well paid as now, but there are a million persons within twenty-four hours of the poorhouse after all. The Richmond convention of Knights will strengthen the labor movement, and the outcome will in time be the formation of a Labor Congress for advisory purposes. A fresh and widespread labor agitation is probable next spring.

Freight Blockade at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, PA., October 11.—The freight traffic to the west, on the Pennsylvania, Pan-handle, Fort Wayne and Baltimore and Ohio roads, has increased to such an extent within the last few days that it has caused a blockade. The yards are full of loaded cars waiting to be moved. This the companies are unable to do, owing to the scarcity of locomotives, a condition of affairs which is almost unprecedented in local railroad history. The officials state the blockade will be relieved to day.

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Death of a Newspaper Man.

WASHINGTON, October 11.—Mr. Geo. W. Adams, president of the Evening Star Newspaper Company, died at his home in this city at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

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