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A Long Island Man's Agonizing Death.

Engulfed by Quicksands at the Bottom of a Well.

In Sight of His Friends, Who Were Unable to Save Him.

George Francis Train Arrives at New York on His Tour Round the World. Other Eeastern News.

Associated Press Dispatches.

WOODSIDE, L. I., May 18.—James S. Parsells, night dispatcher in the New York postoffice, met a terrible death Saturday evening in this village. Parsells was repairing a well, when it partially caved in, burying him nearly to the neck. The quicksand continued to run down, and the efforts of neighbors to extricate the unfortunate man only increased his danger. A rubber tube was procured and placed in Parsells's mouth, so he could breathe after the sand had covered his head. After several hours' labor the sand was cleared away again, but it was found that Parsells had been unable to retain the tube in his mouth, and had been choked to death. He was a prominent citizen, and leaves a widow and a large family.

GONE HENCE.

Prominent People Who Have Recently Died.

KANSAS CITY, May 18.—G. H. Paul, ex-postmaster of Milwaukee, died here today.

MILTON, Cal., May 18.—William Frederick Piper died last evening of paralysis. He was an early settler of Calaveras county.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Wirt Dexter, a leading member of the Chicago bar, and widely known, died suddenly last night of an acute congestive chill.

Wirt Dexter was the son of Judge Samuel Dexter, a pioneer jurist of Michigan, and was born in the town of Dexter about 58 years ago, which place was named after his father. His grandfather was Samuel Dexter, of Boston, secretary of the treasury in the administration of John Adams, and was distinguished both as a lawyer and statesman.

LEESBURG, Va., May 18.—Henry Heaton, a wealthy citizen of this place and well known in London financial circles, died today. He was an Englishman, but served in the Confederate artillery and on Early's staff.

CHICAGO, May 18.—A local paper says Mrs. Marilla McDougall, widow of the late Hon. James McDougall, United States senator from California during the civil war, died on Friday at the house of her son-in-law, John W. Boothby, in New Rochelle, near New York city. Before going to California Senator McDougall was attorney-general of Illinois.

SAN JOSE, May 18.—O. F. Alley, a prominent orchardist of this county for nine years past, died tonight of pneumonia. He was a native of Nantucket, aged 65 years, a pioneer of '51, and for eight years treasurer of Contra Costa county.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—William P. Fuller, one of the most prominent merchants of San Francisco, died yesterday morning of paralytic stoke. He was a native of New Hampshire, 63 years of age. He came to California in '49, and for many years has been a member of the firm of Whittier, Fuller & Co., a wholesale paint and oil house.

SANTA BARBARA, May 18.—J. P. Redington, a California pioneer, died here yesterday morning, aged 66. He came to San Francisco in '49 and founded the drug house of Redington & Co. He was once state senator for the San Francisco district.

TO OUST GEORGE GOULD.

Villard and Huntington Absorbing Pacific Mail Stock.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The *Herald* understands that George J. Gould is to be retired from the presidency of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at the forthcoming election. If this change is brought about it will be the result of a successful deal on the part of C. P. Huntington, of the Central Pacific, and Henry Villard, of the Northern Pacific. It is stated upon what appears to be good authority, that a majority of the Pacific Mail Company's stock has already been transferred to the names of Huntington and Villard, or their representatives, for the purpose of enabling them to oust the son of Gould.

SHE USED A BOWIE.

A Fiend Assails a Widow and Gets the Worst of It.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 18.—Yesterday afternoon David Lorrigan entered the house of Mrs. Vance, a widow, and attempted to assault her. The woman fought fiercely and finally succeeded in getting a bowie-knife from a bureau drawer. At sight of this Lorrigan fled, but she followed him and managed to inflict several severe cuts in his shoulder. Mrs. Vance was arrested, but will probably be discharged tomorrow, and Lorrigan is apt to go to jail.

Capsized in a Squall.

BOSTON, May 18.—The steamer City of Macon, from Savannah, brings Cook Polaski, of the schooner Hattie Clark, he having been found drifting in an open boat. Polaski says the schooner capsized in o squall, and he believes all on board except himself were lost. The crew consisted of Captain Lane and five men, besides Polaski.

Train Speeding Westward.

NEW YORK, May 18.—George Francis Train arrived this morning aboard the Etruria. He takes a special train for Tacoma.

A Failure in Ribbons.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Boellering, Pertz & Co., ribbons, have failed. Their debts are reported at $105,000.

Waiters Threatening Trouble.

CHICAGO, May 18.—The Waiters' Union threatens trouble the coming week. They have resolved to make a number of demands from all the leading hotels and restaurants, and the proprietors met this afternoon and unanimously resolved to resist them. The waiters' leaders claim that they will strike if their demands are not granted.

A SOMNIFEROUS JUDGE.

The Pittsburg Trades Assembly After Judge McKinnan's Scalp.

PITTSBURG, May 18.—At a meeting of the executive board of the Pittsburg Trades Assembly tonight a resolution, which will be forwarded to President Harrison, was passed asking the for removal of Judge Joesph McKinnan, of the United States circuit court. The charge is that he slept a good part of the time while hearing the contract labor cases last week.

Attacked by a Bull.

STOCKTON, May 18.—B. Gilbach, an old resident of this county, was attacked by a vicious bull yesterday at his home, six miles from Stockton, and probably fatally injured. He went into toe corral and the bull made a charge at him, knocking him down, his head striking a plow. He was not gored, but was hurt internally by the butting of the infuriated animal.

The Week's Clearances.

BOSTON, May 18.—The total gross exchanges for last week, as shown by dispatches from the leading clearing houses of the United States and Canada, were $1,437,625,846, an increase of 33.2 per cent., as compared with the corresponding week last year.

Farmer and Children Drowned.

OMAHA, May 18.—A farmer named Marion Tucker, together with two children, a girl of 9 and a boy of 14, was rowing on a small lake on his farm near Stanton last night when the boat overturned, and the three were drowned.

FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

OUTLINE OF THE WORK TO BE DONE THIS WEEK.

Silver Will Continue to Hold the Boards in the Senate—The Tariff Debate in the House to be Closed in Three Days.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Silver will be the principal topic discussed in the senate again this week. Addresses in memoriam of the late Representative Kelley, of Pennsylvania, will be delivered Tuesday afternoon, and Saturday will be devoted to the calendar. These are the only probable interruptions of the silver debate.

The first three days in the house will witness the closing scenes of the tariff debate, which promise to become more and more animated.

The election committee will call up the Alabama contested election case, McDuff vs. Turpin, immediately after the tariff is disposed of, and as the report of the committee in favor of the contestant involves the inversion of an apparent majority of 8,000, a bitter resistance is apt to be developed.

The river and harbor people are awaiting the first opportunity to call up their bill.

Seaside Hotel Fire.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 18.—The Osborne house, one of the largest hotels here, opened for the season today. At an early hour this morning it was partially burned. More than thirty people were in the house and several had a narrow escape. All escaped safely, however.

Accident at a Circus.

KINGSTON, N. Y., May 18.—During a performance at a circus last night a section of the reserved gallery fell down, carrying several hundred persons with it. Many were severely cut and bruised but none fatally hurt.

Self Destruction.

SALINAS, Cal., May 18.—An unknown man committed suicide on Friday night in Rufe Smith's house, seven miles from here. He shot himself through the head with a rifle. In his pocket was a letter addressed to A. H. Johnson, Castroville.

An Expensive Murder Trial.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., May 18.—The jury in the Elliott murder trial, after being out forty-two hours, was yesterday discharged, not being able to agree. They stood seven for acquittal and five for conviction. The trial has been an expensive one for Inyo county.

Phillips Acquitted.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash, May 18.—The jury last night acquitted Martin Phillips, who had been on trial here several days for killing John Hall, on Lopez island, in December last. Hall was one of the party who were serenading Phillips after his wedding.

The Champion Beef-Killer.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—M. P. Mullins, of Chicago, defeated Charles Westphal today in a beef-killing contest for a purse of $1,000 and the championship of the world. Mullins won by sixteen points.

Damages for Sheep.

RED BLUFF, Cal., May 18.—The jury in the case of McCoy against the Southern Pacific Company, rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $800 damages for 400 sheep which were killed by a train several weeks ago.

Passed Confederate Money.

LATHROP, Cal., May 18.—Geo. Foster was arrested here today for passing a confederate $5 note. He says he is from Portland, Ore. He is a cripple with one foot off.

Bitten by a Rattler.

MILTON, Cal., May 18.—A sheep-herder in the employ of John Decastro was bitten by a rattlesnake yesterday. He stepped on its tail and it struck him on the thumb. His recovery is uncertain.

Out of the Toils.

SAN DIEGO, May 18.—The case against John Mitchell, postmaster at Oceanside, charged with criminal libel, was dismissed today by Justice Stone.

Josiah Stanford's Funeral.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 18.—The funeral of Josiah Stanford occurred yesterday. The funeral offerings were numerous.

WEST COAST NEWS.

The Southern Pacific Company Retrenching.

Reorganization of Its Law Department.

The Steamer St. Paul Brings News From Alaska.

The Earliest Shipment of New Wheat An Aged Female Tramp—Boys Drowned at San Francisco.

Associated Press Dispatches.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Not long ago Colonel C. F. Crocker stated that for several years past the expense of maintaining the law department of the Southern Pacific had been reduced at the rate of $40,000 a year. That department of the road is now being reorganized in furtherance of the company's general retrenchment. By the retirement of ex-Judge L. D. McKisick, for many years connected with the law department, E. L. Craig, who has been with the company for twenty years past, becomes associate counsel. A. B. Hotchkiss, it is said, will be placed in charge of the company's law business in the southern part of the state. It is also rumored that various attorneys throughout the interior of the state who are now paid substantial salaries will hereafter be remunerated for work actually done; that is, instead of receiving salaries the attorneys will be paid fees. J. C. Gould, now claims adjuster, will retire, that office having been, or is about to be, consolidated with a like office for the railway proper, which has for many years been in charge of H. V. Herbert. He will continue in charge.

FROM ALASKA.

The Steamer St. Paul Brings News From the Far North Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The steamer St. Paul, Captain Erskine, arrived from Ounalaska via Nanaimo and Port Townsend this morning. She brought a small cargo of coal and 143 packages of sealskins for the United States marshal. The latter were seized by revenue cutters last year. The St. Paul brings the first news from the Alaskan canneries. On the Karluck river work was going on before she left. All the canneries were running. The steamer Dora which sailed from San Francisco March 26th, arrived at Kodiak after a voyage from Ounalaska of seventeen days, her machinery having broken down on the trip. The St. Paul brought down seven passengers. Capt. Erkine knew nothing of the eruption of Bogoslai volcano, further than has been published.

SUNDAY BALL GAMES.

The Colonels and the Senators Each Score a Victory.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Oakland defeated Stockton this afternoon before a larger crowd than usual. Cahill pitched for the Stocktons and was well caught by Levy, while Cohn and Dungan were the battery for Oakland. The game was a tame one.

Score—Stockton, 3; Oakland, 7.

SACRAMENTO, May 18.—The Sacramentos did up the San Franciscos today in the presence of a large crowd. Harper pitched an elegant game. The balance of the nine put up good ball. Young's pitching was not up to his usual standard. His support was only fair.

Score—Sacramento, 5; San Francisco, 2.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—Athletics, 2; Louisville, 5.

SYRACUSE, May 18.—Syracuse, 11; St. Louis, 9.

BROOKLYN, May 18.—Brooklyn, 2; Toledo, 3.

A FEMALE TRAMP.

An Old Woman Who has Been on the Road for Two Years.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—An old and half-witted woman was lodged in the city prison yesterday by the park police who had found her camping and sleeping out in Golden Gate park. She says her name is Susie Marshall, and that her home is at Fort Scott, Kansas, but that she has been wandering about the country for over two years. She arrived here from Arizona by way of Southern California three days ago. Having no place to stop, she thought that in a free country the open air should be allowed her to live in. When arrested the woman had an axe and a butcher knife, both of which she stated were her only belongings, and necessary for her use in camping out.

BOYS DROWNED.

An Unlucky Day For San Francisco Lads Who Attempt to Row.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Harry Hosmer, aged 16, at San John's church picnic at New California this morning, fell overboard from a small boat while trying to recover an oar, and was drowned. His body has not yet been recovered.

Gus and Frank Sullivan and G. Gillispie, aged 16 to 18, started across the bay this morning in a small boat. The boat was old and cranky and capsized, and the Sullivan brothers were drowned. Gillespie was rescued.

Snow-balling Ends in Shooting.

DUTCH FLAT STATION, Cal., May 18.—Patrick Ryan, a carpenter and employee of the Southern Pacific Company, was shot at Cisco this afternoon by a fellow-workman. His wound is considered fatal. The origin of the trouble was snow-balling.

The Earliest New Wheat.

TULARE, Cal., May 18.—The earliest shipment of new wheat in the history of California was sent yesterday to San Francisco; price, $1.35.

Beef for Puget Sound.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 18.—About three carloads of beef cattle pass through the stock yards here from California every week, for Puget Sound. Dealers say there will be no beef from the ranges here till June 20th. Grass is good now and cattle are doing well. There will be plenty of beef this season, as the loss last winter was principally cows and young cattle, but beef steers will be scarce next season.

REJECTED.

Charles Beckstrom Commits Suicide Because His Suit is Rejected.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Charles Beckstrom, bookkeeper of the San Francisco Savings Union, committeed suicide by shooting today on an Oakland ferry-boat. He had proposed to a young lady at a picnic, from which he was returning, and had been rejected.

A Cracked Skull.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Fritz Kreps, a German baker, quarreled with some men in a saloon early this morning while playing cards. One of the men struck him on the head with a heavy match safe, fracturing his skull. Kreps has been unconscious all day and his recovery is doubtful. The man who struck him is unknown.

Taken Over the Falls.

PORTLAND, May 18.—The stern-wheel steamboat West Queen, belonging to the Union Pacific railway company, as successfully taken over the cascades of the Columbia river this afternoon. The boat had been running on the upper river, but was no longer needed there, so the company decided to bring it over the falls and use it on the lower river, where the traffic is heavier.

A Christianized Heathen.

TRAVER, Cal., May 18.—Yuen Lung, a Chinaman of more than ordinary intelligence, had his que shaved off some time since, and today was baptized in the Christian faith by Rev. Hawkins. He has adopted the name of Charley Del Zante. He conducts the dining-room of the Del Zante hotel, at this place.

DESTRUCTIVE FLAMES.

FIRE IN THE SHAFT OF A PENNSYLVANIA MINE.

Many Mules Suffocated—Business Property Burned at Toledo, Ohio, and Salt Lake City—Several California Fires.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., May 18.—The Neilson shaft is on fire, having caught from the burning timbers of the breaker which was destroyed Friday night. Many mules are lost.

At a late hour tonight the fire has assumed a serious aspect, and as all measures to extinguish it have failed, the proprietors have decided to turn a creek into the mine.

At Toledo, Ohio.

TOLEDO, O., May 18.—The Crescent Candy Company's establishment and Wood & Manzy's wholesale grocery were badly damaged by fire today. The aggregate loss is $100,000.

A Salt Lake City Blaze.

SALT LAKE, May 18.—Dengwoody's furniture establishment was burned today. Loss, $125,000.

Mining Property Destroyed.

GRASS VALLEY, May 18.—Just after 12 o'clock last night, the hoisting works, dry house and office, at the Hartery mine, three miles below town, were burned. The damage is estimated at about $80,000, with $4,000 insurance.

Residence Burned.

HEALDSBURG, May 18.—Cris Merchant's house, near this city, was burned this morning, and August Armbrewster narrowly escaped being burned to death. Loss, about $7,000; no insurance.

Fire at Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, May 18.—Fire broke out in the Capital furniture factory at 8 o'clock last evening, and before the flames were subdued caused a loss of $10,000; insured for $700. It is believed the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion in the varnishing room.

Locomotive Exploded.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 18.—A Louisville and Nashville locomotive exploded near Danville last night. A freight train was demolished and the engineer, fireman and brakeman killed.

A Premier's Leg Broken.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 18.—The premier was thrown from a cab today and had his leg broken by the fall.

Reed Champions a Federal Election Law.

Speaker Reed's speech at Pittsburg last night is probably more significant than anything he has said in Washington recently. He expressed himself roundly in favor of a federal election law, and out-Shermaned Sherman in the opinion that congress can do nearly what it pleases in the matter of laws affecting the elections. As Mr. Reed has so far been the boss of the house, it would seem from his Pittsburg expression that he intends to have a bill controlling elections passed at the present session of congress. His speech will have a tendency to change the views of a good many people who have lately drifted to the idea that there would, after all the talk, be no congressional action of this kind. Mr. Reed, however, is not surely keeping his grip on the house. He has been trying to push the business so as to accomplish adjournment during the month of June, but has encountered opposition. Though he has had his way about everything else, opinion is about evenly divided as to whether congress can be closed up in June or not. If a federal election bill is to be passed there will be a good deal of delay, for debate cannot be abridged in the senate. A gentleman well posted said tonight that a federal election bill would pass, but that it would not be the Lodge bill, but the Hoar bill in the senate. The Lodge bill provides for the Australian ballot system, while the Hoar bill leaves the matter to the states.

The passage of the bill by the senate first, if it is none early, would expedite the business, for it can be pushed through the house under the gag which is complacently called the rule of the majority.—[Cincinnati Enquirer.

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A LIVELY CORPSE.

Bismarck Has Had a First-Class Funeral.

But He Thinks He is Still Very Much Alive.

He Says Germany Dares Not Declare War Against France.

To Do So Would Invite a Russian Invasion—For Like Reason Russia Dares Not Attack Austria.

Associated Press Dispatches.

PARIS, May 18.—The *Matin* publishes an interview had with the French journalist, Des Soux, who was recently entertained by Bismarck. Bismarck referred to his resignation as a first-class funeral, but added that he was quite alive still. He declared among other things that Germany would never attack France or provoke France to attack her. Germany well understands that Russia would intervene to protect France if attacked, just as Germany would aid Austria if Russia attacked her.

MEXICAN ADVICES.

Too Much Ado Made About the Yturbide Affair.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 18.—The chamber has approved the bill for the conversion of the Spanish debt.

Mexican papers are giving undue importance to the Yturbide incident. Yturbide is a young man, now a second lieutenant of cavalry, with no official standing, though he has some money which enables him to make frequent trips to the United States. During his last trip he is reported to have said he represented the conservative party. The local press took up the matter, when he rushed into print, publishing a letter in which he criticised the government, the liberal party and President Diaz, who is commander-in-chief of the army. For this he was sent to the military prison. The authorities attach little importance to the affair, though they are inquiring to ascertain whether he was instigated by others.

Rich discoveries of antimony have been made in Chihuahua. Large deposits of coal have been found in Tabasco.

LET THINGS SLIDE.

Loose Business Methods of a Prominent French Commercial Company.

PARIS, May 18.—At the trial of the copper syndicate men it has been proved that Secretan, as director of the Societe de Metaux, distributed fictitious profits for 1887 and used improper means to bull copper, raising the price from under 1,000 francs per ton to over 2,000 francs, and clearing within two months 10,000,000 francs. The defense is that the article of the penal code on which the change is based does not apply. Heutsch, on being examined, admitted that while he was chairman of the Comptoir des Comptes, he knew nothing of the dealings of the institution with the Societe des Metaux. He also testified that the board rarely listened to the manager's report, and let things slide.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

An Interesting Race Across the Atlantic Begun.

LONDON, May 18.—The Anchor line steamer City of Rome sailed from Queenstown at 12:30 today for New York. The Guion steamer Alaska sailed at 1:20, and the Cunard steamer Aurania at 2:10. All went ahead, full steam, as soon as they cleared Queenstown harbor. There is heavy betting on the result of the race.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Arrived: The Etruria, Liverpool; Soale, Bremen.

HAVRE, May 18.—Le Bretagne, New York.

Cinching the Porte.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 18.—The porte has not yet replied to Russia's claim for the payment of arrears of her war indemnity. The Russian embassador, in an urgent note to the porte, demands the payment of the arrears from a loan; otherwise, he adds, Russia will reserve the right to take further measures.

Judas Overacted His Part.

BERLIN, May 18.—The passion play at Oberammergau promises to be a great success. In the dress rehearsal of the tableaux the actors were excellent. Mayer was marvelous as Christ and the other actors were skillful, with the exception of Judas, who overacted his part. The play lasts eight and a half hours.

Wants No Intermediary.

LONDON, May 18.—Boulanger has informed a friend that the letter by which he dissolved the Boulangist committee does not mean that he is renouncing his claims, but he desires the absence of any medium between universal suffrage and himself.

Wissmann's Conquests.

BERLIN, May 18.—Advices from East Africa state that Major Wissmann has captured Wakindini, placing the whole coast from that place to Zanzibar in the hands of the Germans.

Fleet-Footed Puchero.

PARIS, May 18.—The race for the grande poule des produits, worth about 40,000 francs, was won by Baron Schickler's bay colt Puchero.

A Steamer Foundered.

LONDON, May 18.—The steamer Harold, bound from Bilboa to Glasgow, foundered off the Irish coast. Six persons were drowned.

THE NEW LITERARY HERO.

He is Now the Fad in the Literary Circles of London.

Two small rooms connected by a tiny hall afforded sufficient space to contain Mr. Rudyard Kipling, the literary hero of the present hour, "the man who came from nowhere," as he himself remarks, and who a year ago was consciously nothing in the literary world, though had he died then his works must have lived and spoken to posterity none the less. A short, but broadly-figured man, dark with blue eyes and a resolute jaw, still young—he is not yet 25—but with a face on which time and incident have prematurely traced many tell-tale marks, meets you on the threshold and looks at you somewhat cynically through his spectacles with divided lens.

A recent article in the *Times* first set the seal of public approval on the young writer's work, when, while denying his right to a place in the first rank of contemporary authors, it characterized him as an admirably direct writer, with an incisive power of representing in half a dozen pages a complete action, and laid due stress upon his extraordinary knowledge of Indian life and the new vein that he has tapped.

In his society tales he is far less happy than in others, and, with the frankness which seems to be his leading characteristic, he owns this. "One must see what one can do, and suffer for making mistakes," he explains.

Mr. Kipling's greatest fear is that the strong wine of praise which is pressed to his lips may make him lose his head and commit some extreme literary folly in consequence. "I want to give good work; that is my only concern in life," he says with unconscious pathos, and when you offer him your best felicitations as you have, he jerks back his scarlet fez and smiles queerly: "Up like the rocket, down like the stick," he answers. You grope your way slowly down the dark staircase, leaving "the man who came from nowhere" in his solitude once more, feeling that even in the strong sunlight of success may lurk an unsuspected shadow, and that the theory that there is no perfect happiness on earth is trite only because it is everlastingly true.—[London World.

DISASTER AT HAVANA.

THIRTY-FOUR PEOPLE KILLED AND ONE HUNDRED INJURED.

A Barrel of Powder in a Burning Hardware Store Was the Agency of Death. Terrible Effects of the Explosion.

HAVANA, May 18.—During a fire in a hardware store last night a barrel of powder exploded. The whole structure was blown to pieces, and twenty-two persons killed. Among the dead are four fire chiefs and the Venezuelan consul, Señor Franciso J Silva, who happened to be in front of the building at the time of the explosion. In addition to the killed, over one hundred persons are injured. The explosion caused the wildest excitement throughout the city, and thousands flocked to the scene of the disaster. The municipal authorities were promptly on the ground, and did everything in their power to aid the injured. Several houses adjacent were damaged by the explosion.

LATER—The number of dead up to this morning was thirty-four. A gang of men is at work on the debris. Many human limbs have been taken out. The relatives of missing persons are gathered on the spot, and as the bodies are brought out the scenes are distressing. The proprietor of the hardware store has been arrested. It is feared that several more victims are in the ruins.

Picture Gowns.

"Picture gowns"—that is what they call the ideal dresses made by the Society of Associated Artists in London, which is composed of gentlewomen technically trained in the reproduction of quaint, picturesque and historical costumes adapted to modern needs. The aim and purpose of the society, which was organized by a former secretary of the royal school of art needlework, is the combination of artistic materials in graceful and individually becoming costumes. All the soft, beautifully new fabrics, the rich furniture brocades with touches of embroidery to bring out the designs, all manner of artistic needlework and rich metallic embroideries, vests of goffered silks and satin brocades that, as the phrase goes, "stand by themselves," are handled lovingly and poetically by these women with trained artistic faculties.

This is a picture gown designed for a house dress: Soft folds of gray-green wool fall in artistic lines, fitting to the figure and sweeping the floor ih the back. The entire front is of gleaming gold brocade on a shot grey-green ground, brought in loose folds from the left shoulder and armhole to far back on the right side. The high Medici collar, lined with the brocade, is folded back a little from the bare throat, and stiff epaulets of the brocade rise high on the shoulders. Fan plaitings of the silk are inserted at intervals about the bottom of the skirt, which fold and unfold as the wearer walks, giving a peculiar shimmering and brilliant effect. A beautiful and graceful woman in a picturesque and faultless dress of this description would confer a great favor on the world, or at least that part of it which was so fortunate as to behold her.—[New York Sun.

Realism and Romanticism.

As for the world of readers in general, it will continue as heretofore always to welcome the new thing. If it shall have delighted to satiation in a realistic literature, it will be sure to grow enthusiastic over the first Haggard that comes along, and reck not a jot for the time being whether or not his wares are tinsel. If, on the contrary, the presses of a nation have for years piled new romance on new romance's head, the Miss Austen who will come forward with the simple annals of a parish pleasing in their freshness and naturalness, their lack of fever, will be sure to find readers who are willing to forego the cake they are tired of for the fresh-baked wholesome bread that she offers. And if anyone shall produce a masterpiece, whether it be realistic or romantic, it will live. The individual man will turn to it according to his mood, and it will be fashionable or seemingly forgotten according to the mood of the age, whether its need be to sympathize with the average man, or to have its courage braced, its aspirations renewed through the contemplation of the possible but uncommon heroic.—[Boston Advertiser.