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A NOVEL ENTERPRISE.

Carrier Pigeons to be Used to Carry Press Dispatches

FROM THE ISOLATED POINTS

To Telegraph Stations—How the News From the Last Buffalo Hunt that Will Ever Take Place is to be Received.

CHICAGO, April 29.—To Mr. Clinton A. Snowden, editor of the Chicago *Times*, must be yielded the unquestioned credit for conceiving a *modus operandi* for obtaining news, which at first sight appears almost startling. It had been supposed that when the telegraph and the locomotive had been brought into use, the acme of rapid and faithful gathering of news events had been reached, and this still holds good where these facilities are easy of access. But when news centres are hundreds of miles distant from telegraph or railway stations, the question of transmitting events rapidly and reliably becomes a matter of some concern. Relays of horses have been brought into use and even balloons have been pressed into service. Both, however, have elements of uncertainty, and in the latter case great danger. It is now proposed to utilize the winged speed and the almost human intelligence of the carrier pigeon as a

NEWS MESSENGER.

And not less novel and interesting is the occasion for which these birds are to be used. An expedition has been organized, the object of which will be to save to the world what numbers remain of the once numerous bison family of the great plains. It has been determined that of the millions which once roamed the prairies of the west only seventy-five or 100 remain, and these located in the extreme southwestern portion of Texas, hundreds of miles from the nearest habitation of man. This expedition, which is to start in a few days, will be under the leadership of C. J. Jones, or "Buffalo" Jones, as he is called from his earlier habits in connection with the big monarch of the plains. The remainder of this band will be composed of six experienced plainsmen and cowboys. Shepherd dogs and several bloodhounds will accompany the party whose business it will be to keep a vigilant watch on the buffalo after they have been "rounded up."

THE LAST BUFFALO HUNT.

The leading purpose of the expedition is to perpetuate a species of animals which is thoroughly typical of American animal life, one of the controlling ideas of the trip being to kill none of the animals while corralling them, or after their capture. A representative of the *Times* will accompany the expedition, and his duties will be to reduce the latest occurrences to writing on the thinnest of manifold paper, attach it to the feathery messenger and bid it an affectionate good-bye and a safe and speedy journey. The pigeons will have been homed at a telegraph station nearest the "seat of war," and owing to their instincts they will at once make a correct flght for this point, no matter where they are freed. Arriving at the station the birds will be relieved of their burden by the telegraph operator and the news will be wired to the Chicago *Times* and through the medium of the Associated Press to all quarters of the globe, telling the sad story of the last of the buffaloes, and describing the last buffalo hunt that ever will be.

YOUNG GARFIELD RETURNS

With His Betrothed—A Double Wedding in Prospect.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Harry A. Garfield, son of the late President Garfield, returned from Europe Friday on the steamship Travis. Among the Travis' passengers were also Mrs. Mason and her two daughters who were just returning from a long sojourn in Bournemouth, whither they went several years ago to seek health and pleasure. The arrival of young Garfield and the Mason family revives interest in the romantic double marriage soon to be solemnized at the Garfield homestead at Mentor, O., between Harry Garfield and Miss Belle Mason, and Miss Mollie Garfield, his sister, and J. Stanley Brown, who was secretary to the father of his prospective bride.

The Garfields and Masons are related, Mrs. Garfield being a cousin of the late James Mason. The children of both families grew up together, and about a year ago Harry and the young lady were betrother. The double marriage will be celebrated with imposing ceremonies at the little homestead. Mrs. Garfield and her daughter have been engaged since their return in preparations for the romantic event. The date of the wedding has not yet been announced.

After a short bridal tour young Garfield will form a partnership with his brother, and begin the practice of law in Cleveland. Mr. Brown, it is said, will take his bride to Europe, where he will finish the studies he is now pursuing in the special department at Yale.

Rev. Dr. Lauer Dead.

FLETCHER, O., April 28.—Rev. J. D. Lauer, the great cancer specialist, died at his home in Conover, O., of Bright's disease. Dr. Lauer is known all over the United States. He was a Mason of high standing, and will be buried by that order.

Wheeling Wilkes Sold.

LEXINGTON, KY., April 29.—The great stallion Wheeling Wilkes by George Wilkes, dam by Edward Everett, has been sold by V. C. Cromwell, of this county, to M. R. Bissell, of Grand Rapids, Mich., for $10,000.

They will Look Very Sweet.

NEW YORK, April 29.—At a meeting of the "Hickory Club" to-day it was decided that eighty members shall attend the convention at St. Louis on June 5, attired alike in light gray clothes, with high hats and canes.

Marietta Centennial Orators.

MARIETTA, O., April 29.—Senators W. M. Evarts, of New York, and Daniels, of Virginia, accepted invitations yesterday to deliver orations at the Centennial celebration here in July on consecutive days.

Another Bell Telephone Victory.

NEW ORLEANS, April 29.—Judge Pardee, of the United States Circuit Court, decides that the telephones used by the National Improved Company are an infringement on the Bell patents.

County Treasurer Short.

TOPEKA, KAS., April 29.—R. P. Gravet, Treasurer of Scott county, has been found to be short in his accounts to the amount of $9,800.

Hitt Renominated.

CHICAGO, April 29.—The Republicans of the Sixth Congressional district have renominated Representative Hitt for Congress.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS.

Programme for Both Houses—The Tariff Debate to Continue.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—Tariff will be the subject before the House during the whole week, if the operation of the resolution under which the House is acting is not suspended. The general impression is that it will not be suspended, but that every day will be devoted to tariff discussion. Should a break occur at any time, the river and harbor bill will have the right of way, but the managers of that measure disclaim any intention or desire to interfere in the most remote way with the continued consideration of the Mills bill.

The bill to forfeit unearned land grants; that to establish a bureau of animal industry, and the copyright bill are all before the Senate in an unfinished state, and will receive attention during the coming week. Should all be disposed of the North Dakota bill will probably be called up.

The fisheries treaty still awaits the completion of the committee reports, which work is in the hands of a subcommittee, consisting of Senators Edmunds, Frye and Morgan. It will probably be taken up as soon as the reports are completed and laid before the Senate.

The President's message will form the text of some remarks by Senator Ingalls on Tuesday.

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN.

The Government's Weekly Report—The Backward Spring.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—*The following* is the weather crop bulletin for the week ending Saturday, April 28, 1888:

Temperature—The average daily temperature for the week ending April 28 has ranged from three to six degrees lower than usual in the States on the Atlantic coast, and it has been slightly warmer than usual in the Mississippi Valley and thence westward to the Pacific coast.

The season from January 1 to April 25, continues cold and backward throughout the Northern States, where the daily average temperature ranges from 3 to 6 degrees below the normal. In the Upper Lake region, Minnesota, Dakota and Iowa the season continues from two to three weeks late, while in the Ohio Valley and the Middle Atlantic coast from six to ten days late.

Rainfall—The most marked feature in the rainfall for the week is the large deficiency which is reported in the winter wheat States of the Ohio and Central Mississippi valleys. At many stations in this region, embracing the territory from the Gulf States northward to the Lake regions, no rain occurred, while very light showers are reported at other stations. From 75 to 80 per cent of the usual amount has occurred in the States of the Ohio Valley, Eastern Tennessee, Northern Georgia and Western North Carolina. The rainfall for the Middle Atlantic States, North Carolina and Northern New England differs but slightly from the normal.

General remarks—Owing to the general deficiency of rain, the weather of the week has affected growing crops unfavorably, rain is especially needed in the winter wheat sections, and in the northern portions of the Gulf States. Frosts occurred in Kentucky, Eastern Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and the middle Atlantic States during the week, which probably injured vegetables and fruit. Reports from Kansas, Minnesota and Western Missouri indicate that the weather has been favorable in those sections and that farm work is well advanced.

The weather is reported as favorable for farm work in New England, where plowing and planting are in progress.

THE CRUISERS LAUNCHED

In the Presence of Distinguished Guests on Saturday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—Secretary Whitney's personal guests to the launching of the Government vessels at Cramp's ship yards, in Philadelphia, left Washington in two special trains of Pullman palace cars via the Pennsylvania railroad at 9 a. m. Saturday. The party, numbering upwards of 300, is composed of Senators, Representatives, army and navy officers, Government officials and newspaper correspondents. The train reached Philadelphia about half past 12 o'clock and returning reached Washington at 9 p. m. The Yorktown was launched at 3:06 p. m., and was christened by Miss Eleanor Breckenridge, daughter of Congressman Breckenridge, of Kentucky. The dynamite cruisers followed the ways at 3:10, being christened by Miss Nellie Cameron, daughter of Senator Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania. The launches were unusually successful.

FOR CHARITY'S SAKE.

How General Joseph E. Johnston Came to Contribute.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, in conversation with a *Star* reporter, who asked him in regard to his having become a contributing member of General E. D. Baker Post, G. A. R., of Philadelphia, said that a circular was sent to him stating that it was the intention to form a branch of contributing members for the purpose of aiding the charitable fund. He had sent the $10 named as fees for one year, and was glad to do so. "I remember," added the General, "that when we were getting up a fund for Confederate soldiers in Richmond we received generous contributions from Northern soldiers. I thought that it was an example worthy of imitation, and so I responded to the appeal."

The Hebrew Benevolent Society.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The patrons and members of the Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum Society held their annual meeting to-day. The following officers were elected: President, Jesse Seligman; Vice-President, Henry Rice; Treasurer, Abraham Wolff. The annual report shows $151,214 52; receipts and disbursements, $105,456 04. During the year $25,825 was received from legacies.

Female Physician Goes Insane.

DAYTON, O., April 29.—Mary E. Evans, a young woman who recently came here from Coldwater, Mich., was lodged in jail on a charge of insanity. She came here to practice medicine, being a graduate of the Ann Arbor College. For the past several days she has been acting rather strangely, and finally, when she persisted in tearing her clothes from her person, was placed under arrest.

Freddy's New Departure.

CHICAGO, April 29.—A dispatch from San Francisco says: Fred Gebhardt is the latest addition to the breeders of thoroughbred stock in California. He has purchased a ranch of about 3,300 acres in Lake county, and intends to at once fit it up for breeding purposes and to make it the finest of its kind in the United States.

Blaine in Excellent Spirits.

PORTLAND, ME., April 29.—Dr. N. P. Potter, of Bridgeton, is in this city on his return from Europe, where he has been spending the winter. Dr. Potter says that Hon. J. G. Blaine was in Naples when he left and was looking fine and seemed in the best of spirits.

THE FLOOR GAVE WAY.

Details of the Terrible Rushsylvania Disaster.

A CROWDED HALL COLLAPSED,

Precipitating the Audience Into a Stable Below—The Loss of Life Not so Great as First Reported—The Victims.

RUSHSYLVANIA, O., April 29.—The fatalities and injuries of the accident here Friday night are not so great as was feared at first or might have been expected under the circumstances.

The Union Schools were giving an entertainment in Brockerman's Hall, which is in the second story of a building of which the first story is used for a livery stable. The hall is thirty by fifty feet, and was crowded to its full capacity, with about 400 persons, of whom nearly one-third were children.

The exercises began at 8:30, and two performances had been given when a dull sound was heard, at which every face blanched.

The audience started to rise but were requested to keep quiet by Prof. J. W. Ansley, Superintendent of the schools, who was acting as stage manager. He had no more than spoken when the crash of breaking timbers followed, and in a moment the audience was struggling in a heap in the middle of the floor below. The joists which supported the floor broke almost exactly in the middle. The broken ends of the joists reached the ends six or eight feet apart forming an almost triangular trough into which the people and the benches on which they were sitting were thrown promiscuously. Fortunately, most of the children occupied the three front seats, which were the last to go down, or the fatality would certainly have been great among them. The stage was saved by the office of the livery stable, which was constructed under the right side of it.

Two persons, Miss Emma Stewart and Mrs. Alexander, wife of Rev. J. E. Alexander, were taken out dead. Several others were picked up unconscious. It is supposed Miss Stewart was strangled or suffocated by others falling upon her. Mrs. Alexander was killed by a heavy stove falling on her head and breast. The following is a list of those most seriously injured:

Miss Mamie Garwood, internal injuries.

T. H. Selders, both shoulders badly bruised and one leg broken.

W. H. Bickham, leg broken.

I. W. Lewis, one leg broken.

Mrs. Mary Kerns, side badly injured.

Charlie Stanfield, head bruised.

Mrs. Lena Rudisill, arm broken.

Libbie, Ellen and Willie Drumm, all seriously hurt.

Nettie Selders, daughter of Judge Selders, of Ridgeway, Ohio, internal injuries.

Dr. C. M. Fisher, leg fractured.

Mrs. C. M. Fisher, injured internally.

W. A. Wright, head bruised.

J. R. Johnson, bruised generally.

Miss Maud McCulloch, breast crushed.

Mrs. Julia A. Wright, head and breast seriously injured.

Mrs. W. A. Howard, internal injuries.

Mrs. H. C. Ansley, severe internal injuries.

Dr. John Wallace, arm broken.

Roy Howard, legs badly bruised.

E. L. Finn, hips crushed and serious internal injuries. His recovery is very doubtful.

Mr. John Kerns, postmaster here, who, with others was on the stage when the floor gave way, says the scene was indescribable. His mother and some other relatives were in the audience, and he says that when he saw them go down he felt that he would rather have gone down with them than remain in safety as he was.

Mrs. J. W. Ansley, also on the stage, was caught by others just in time to be kept from leaping after her little girl who was in the audience a few feet from the stage.

A man below in the stable had just unhitched a horse from a buggy and was putting up the lines when he saw the floor coming. He struck the horse a blow with the lines; the animal sprang forward toward the front door, and both barely escaped. The part of the stable over which was the hall was occupied by buggies, and they standing near the walls, escaped without much injury.

DEATH IN THE WIRE.

He Touched an Electric Light Loop and Died from the Shock.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Another life was sacrificed last night by the apparent carelessness of the electric light company. This time it was not by a broken or dangling wire, but in consequence of the close proxmity of sidewalk to one of the arc light street lamps. The fatality occurred between Spring and Rivington streets, on the Bowery, and Frederick Witte, a clerk in Louis Schlessinger's tailoring establishment, at No. 200 Bowery, was the victim.

In front of Schlessinger's store are two large arc lights, one suspended near either show window for the purpose of showing off the goods. Witte, who was about twenty-three years of age, has had a great habit of tapping lightly with his hand one of the lamps whenever he came out or entered the store, sometimes being compelled to jump up to do so.

The store was closed as usual at about ten o'clock last night, and a few minutes later Witte started for his lodgings. The lamps were hanging rather lower than was customary, as any one standing five feet high could have reached them. Witte foolishly grasped one of the wires forming the loop to the lamp, and on the instant he uttered a cry of pain. He was powerless to release his hold, however, and after writhing in agony for apparently several seconds he fell dead.

MINE EXPLOSION.

Two Men Instantly Killed and Several Others Mangled.

WILKESBARRE, PA., April 29.—A fearful explosion occurred in Mine No. 4 of the Delaware and Hudson Company, at Plymouth, yesterday evening. Patrick McGill and John Kneiss, miners were instantly killed. Charles O'Connor, a laborer was so badly burned that his life is despaired of, both eyes being destroyed and his head and body frightfully roasted. Joseph Halloran and William James were badly injured, but will live. The dead men leave large families in destitute circumstances.

"America for Americans" People.

LANCASTER, April 29.—A branch of the National American party was organized in this county by a meeting held here. William H. Inman was elected president. He will appoint delegates in each election district to perfect the organization. The object of the new party is not to nominate a ticket of their own, but to support that party's candidates which adopt their principles, which embody strictly American principles. The party starts out strong.

ARRESTED FOR STEALING BASES.

A Chicago Policeman's Ignorance of Base Ball Vernacular and Its Results.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Officer Brenneisen, of the Larrabee street police station, has only been in this country two years. He was passing a vacant lot where a crowd of boys were playing base ball yesterday, and some of the remarks he overheard made him think he had fallen in with a gang of thieves. George Withon, one of the boys, was telling a companion that he made a practice of "stealing bases" and "sneaking home," with other talk of like knavish sound, and Officer Brenneisen locked him up as a thief. He arraigned his captive before Justice Kersten this morning.

"This young man is a horse thief," said the officer; "I heard him say so himself."

"What did he say?" asked the Justice.

"Why, he said that he had a Charley horse, that it was his first one and that he would like to dispose of it. I know this fellow never owned a horse since I have been traveling the beat and he must have stolen it. Then he told the remainder of the conversation he had overheard, but by this time Justice Kersten, who can tell a three base hit from a handsaw any day, was purple with suppressed laughter, and when the officer got through he broke out into a guffaw that made the windows rattle. Young George was summarily dismissed, and Officer Brennelsen invited to stay after court and get a few points on base ball vernacular from His Honor.

A TERRIBLE REVENGE.

The Crime of Two Very Tough Wilkesbarre Characters.

WILKESBARRE, PA., April 29.—A house of questionable character at Beach Haven was the scene of a terrible tragedy last night. The house was occupied by three young women, named Annie Nagle, Kittie Durkin and Jennie Snyder.

In the early part of the evening two visitors, named Wesley Probst and "Doc" Hess, called and were entertained by the women. About midnight, two disreputable characters, Bill Bitler and Harry Meyers, rapped at the door for admission. They were refused admittance, add then broke in the door. Probst and Hess then came to the rescue of the women and Meyers and Bitler were ejected from the house.

Probst and Hess then retired for the night. They were aroused from their slumbers about four o'clock this morning by the cry of fire. The house was enveloped in flames and soon burned to the ground. The two men had all they could do to get out.

The Nagle and Snyder girls jumped from upper windows and escaped, but the other girl, Katie Durkin, who slept in a room in the attic, was suffocated. The coroner is now investigating the affair. The supposition is that Bitler and Meyers set fire to the building after they were ejected from the house. Meyers served six years in the penitentiary for manslaughter.

THE CYPHER IS THERE.

Professor Colbert Says Donnelly has Found It in Shakespeare's Plays.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Ignatius Donnelly's long-expected book will be published simultaneously in England and America on the 1st of May. Its title is "The Great Cryptogram: Francis Bacon's Cypher in the so-called Sharkespeare's Plays. The secret of the cypher has heretofore been guarded with the utmost care, but proof sheets were submitted to Professor Elias Colbert, the astronomer, who, at the solicitation of the editor of a Chicago paper, began a thorough investigation of the cypher several months ago. On March 10 Professor Colbert had a prolonged interview with Mr. Donnelly, and, as a result, wrote the following to the editor:

"I am obliged to endorse the claim made by Donnelly that he has found a cypher to some of the plays. It can be intelligently traced by the aid of explanations, given by him, some of which are only hinted at in the book. I do not say, nor do I claim that he has discovered the complete cypher; and I think it is quite probable that some of the readings he gives will bear modification in the light of subsequent knowledge. But the cypher is there, as claimed, and he has done enough to prove its existence to my satisfaction."

Funeral of a Notable Woman.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The funeral of Mrs. Dr. Losier, Dean of the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women, and a friend and associate in their time of Wendell Phillips, Garrison and Lucretia Mott, took place from the Central M. E. church to-day. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. John P. Newman, of the Metropolitan church, Washington, D. C.

Four Persons Drowned.

PORTLAND, ME., April 29.—News has just been received here of a fatal accident which occurred on the Stillaguamish river, in Washington Territory, near the town of Stanwood, in which the lives of three young women and one man were lost. They were crossing the river in a canoe, which ran into a ripple and it capsized, throwing the occupants into the water and they were drowned.

Favorable to the Brewer's Union.

NEW YORK, April 29.—At the meeting of the Union Brewers to-day reports were presented from the Federation of Labor Unions, the Central Labor Union and the German trade showing that these organizations were favorable to the Brewer's Union and prepared to help them.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

A new postoffice has been established at Baden, W. Va., with Andrew Franz as postmaster.

While fighting a grass fire near Carrolton, yesterday, Mrs. Susan Hess was burned to death.

Harry Dickerson, an Ohio Central brakeman, was crushed to death yesterday. He lived at Newark, Ohio.

Hanson Grover Cleveland Willis was arraigned at Pomeroy, Ohio, Saturday, and he pleaded not guilty. His trial is set for June 12.

At Lawrence, Mass., Michael Melvin and Robert Evans were blown through a well and seriously injured by a boiler explosion at the Russell Paper works.

Ed. Derwester, a 12-year-old boy, is locked up in Kansas City, Mo., on a charge of manslaughter. He threw a stone at a little girl, fatally injuring her.

At Topeka, Kas., Annie Evans, aged 22, and Mary McLaughlin, an infant, were burned to death by a fire which started by an explosion of gasoline in a gasoline stove.

A lively scene was created in a Mt. Holly, N. J., court room by one of the lawyers, while arguing a case, openly charging that the Judge upon the bench was ignorant of the law.

The Castle Garden committee and the passenger agents of the trunk lines met Saturday to discuss an agreement for conducting Castle Garden business, but nothing was accomplished.

"Let us dynamite" is a popular phrase with free lunchers.

Perpetual motion—The gas meter.

CRIMINAL MATTERS.

A Horrible Murder Mystery at a Colorado Ranch.

ENFORCING THE SUNDAY LAW

At Cincinnati—Two Burlington Strikers Shot—A Murder at Cleveland. A Female Jekyll—Deeds of Highwaymen, &c.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COL., April 29.—For several years an old lady named Kearney and her grandson, about eight years old, named Hand, have been living on a ranch several miles north of this city in a somewhat desolate section of country. About a month ago they disappeared. In a stable near the house the body of Mrs. Kearney was found doubled up in a corner badly decomposed, and the body of a boy was found jammed into a feed box also badly decomposed. It is impossible to state whether both were murdered by robbers or whether the old lady murdered the boy and then committed suicide.

ENFORCING THE SUNDAY LAW.

Keepers of Disorderly Houses and Saloons Arrested in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, O., April 29.—The police arrested four men for keeping disorderly houses at their saloons to-day, which they kept open in defiance of law. These houses were thronged with immense, noisy, scrambling crowds. About 100 other houses kept open and the police have made information against them, which they will fine to-morrow, nearly all hill top resorts were open in violation of the law. A solitary saloon opened on McMicken avenue and sold 200 kegs of beer during the day. A rich brewer agreed to stand by the proprietor of this saloon. At the hotels all the bars were closed, but guests at many of them were furnished liquor at their rooms. To-night a few saloons that were closed all day have opened their doors.

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAYMEN

Rob a Stage and Kill a Brave Constable who Attemps to Arrest Them.

CLOVERDALE, CAL., April 29.—The Lake Port stage was robbed by two masked men yesterday a few miles from this place. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s box was taken, but the amount it contained is not known. When the news was received here Constable Abe Crigler and Samuel Allen started in pursuit of the robbers and overtook them in the mountains as a point known as Profile Rock. The robbers were ordered to surrender, but one of them raised his rifle and fired, shooting Crigler through the heart, killing him instantly. Allen returned the fire, but both robbers slid down a high precipice and escaped. A posse is out after them to-day.

BOLD MEXICAN BANDITS

Rob the Occupants of a Passenger Train on the Inter-Oceanic Road.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 29.—On Friday evening a passenger train on the Inter-Oceanic railway was stopped and robbed by a band of fourteen highwaymen three miles beyond Trolo. The passengers and trainmen were systematically robbed. The company lost over $3,000 from the treasury box. It is presumed that this is the same band that entered Amerameca recently and plundered the Chalhuc ranch, in the State of Pueblo. A large force of cavalry, which was ordered out by the Government, has struck the trail of the robbers.

STRIKERS KILLED.

Two of the Old Burlington Men Killed by a New Man at Galesburg.

CHICAGO, April 29.—A striking Burlington engineer, Herbert Newell, was instantly killed, and a striking fireman, George S. Cable, fatally wounded, at Galesburg, Ill., last night by W. A. Hedburg, a new fireman, who claims he was assaulted. The jail is closely guarded to prevent Hedburg from being lynched by strikers and sympathizers.

A Cleveland Mystery.

CLEVELAND, April 29.—Adam Kirchner, a molder, was shot and instantly killed on the street at a late hour last night by John H. Echels. The murderer immediately gave himself up to the police, and was locked up. Echel says that the shooting was done in self-defense, but a brother of Kirchner, who witnessed the murder, declares that Echel fired at his brother without warning, and that the man had no trouble whatever.

He Kept His Word.

PITTSBURGH, April 29.—Mrs. Charles Snyder, living near Grove City, Mercer county, chastised her son Saturday evening because he refused to do the chores. He threatened to hang himself, but his mother paid no attention to the threat. Later she went to the barn and found that the boy had carried out his threat.

Charged With a Lima Murder.

LOVELAND, O., April 29.—Marshal R. T. Martin, of this place, arrested two colored men on suspicion of being Frederick Harrison and William Stanup, who are wanted at Lima, Ohio, for the murder of Patrick Hughes on last election day, and has sent word to that city.

An Old Woman Attacked by Tramps.

READING, April 29.—Mary Dorney, aged 70 years, was set upon by tramps near Bakersville, this county, and after having been beaten, was assaulted and left naked and half dead by the roadside. The woman was taken to the almshouse, where her condition is critical.

Desperadoes Killed.

FORT SMITH, ARK., April 29.—While the Cherokee authorities were attempting to arrest Jack Hawk and Bill Beaver, two celebrated outlaws, on Lee's creek, on Wednesday, they resisted and were shot dead after a long fight from behind a barricade of horses.

Crushed to Death in a Coal Mine.

COSHOCTON, O., April 29.—Mr. Parr Little, a farmer living near Mohawk Village, was crushed to death Friday in a coal mine on his farm. He was forty years of age, and leaves a wife and family.

Arrested for Stealing a Horse.

WAPAKONETA, O., April 29.—Michael Glynn, of Glynwood, this county, was arrested here yesterday for stealing a horse and buggy, valued at about two hundred dollars, from H. G. Crum, of this place.

High and dry—The best champagne.

"Old Probs" is the original lightning change artist.

TALMAGE ISSUES A CHALLENGE.

He will Give Money to the Man who Proves He had Wine on His Table.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, of Brooklyn, before delivering his sermon to-day made the following personal statement:

"An infamous falsehood has gone into every city and neighborhood of this country, and been discussed by hundreds of newspapers, the report saying that in recently entertaining the officers of the Thirteenth Regiment at my house, I gave them four kinds of wine. There was not a drop of wine or any kind of intoxicating liquor. The twenty-five gentlemen then present being witnesses, I will give a thousand dollars reward to any one who will prove that one drop of wine was offered; or will give that amount to any charitable institution that may be named by any respectable clergyman, lawyer or detective, such person being the judge in the whole matter. That which I suppose was told as a joke is being used all over the land to give the impression that the temperance men are hypocrits. I respectfully ask that the newspapers which have been misled by the report to correct it."

THE RAILS SPREAD.

And the Train Goes Over the Bank—Many Passengers Injured.

OLEAN, N. Y. April 29.—A passenger train on the New York & Pennsylvania railroad was wrecked near White House, ten miles east of here, yesterday by the spreading of the rails. The mail and baggage car and two passenger coaches, containing about forty passengers, rolled down a twenty foot embankment. No one was killed outright, but some of the injured will die. The injured are: Captain C. G. Thyng, Olean, bruised and injured internally.

J. J. Smith, badly cut and spine injured, recovery doubtful; Mrs. O. W. Wheaton, Allegheny, injured internally, recovery doubtful; Mrs. Goodsell, Coudersport, Pa., internal injuries and head cut, may not recover; George Stevens, South Wales, arm broken; Kate Smith, Port Allegheny, Pa., head and back injured seriously, Ella Adams, Duke Center, Pa., head and side badly cut and bruised; Mary Dorick, Smithport, Pa., injured on head and side; Mrs. B. Jacharien, Emporia, Pa., head and limbs seriously cut; John Keefe, Buffalo, shoulder broken; William Wasson, Buffalo, badly cut about head and arms; Con Siddons, brakeman, both legs crushed; Mrs. O'Harra, Colegrove, Pa., internal injuries, recovery doubtful; her husband and child were seriously bruised and cut; Postal Clerk Charles Keenan, of this city, a broken arm; Vern Coville, H. Hutchinson, Eugene Dean and D. McGinnis, of this city, were slightly injured.

FIREMAN AND ENGINEER HURT

In a Wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Saturday.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., April 29.—The engine and baggage car of the Cumberland accommodation jumped the track near Metz, Saturday. "Chap" Fleming, of Grafton, received severe injuries on the head and a badly sprained back, while Fireman Shriver was severely scalded and had his right arm so badly broken and crushed that amputation will be necessary. Engineer Fleming was taken to his home and Fireman Shriver was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Wheeling.

Killed at a Railroad Crossing.

ALLIANCE, O., April 29.—William Atchison, aged 55 years, a prominent merchant of East Palestine, while driving across the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago railroad tracks at the above place yesterday, was struck by the westbound fast line and instantly killed. He leaves a wife and a large family of grown children.

IS SHE A FEMALE JEKYLL?

A Nanticoke (Pa.) Society Woman Charged With Burglary and Larceny.

WILKESBARRE, PA., April 29.—John Wesley Bowman has for a number of years been one of the best known residents of Nanticoke. He is in good circumstances and has a pleasant and comfortable home. His wife, Victoria, is a woman of thirty years, well educated and attractive. She has always occupied a good position in Nanticoke society, and her arrest Wednesday evening on a charge of burglary and larceny created the most profound astonishment. She was arrested at her home by a constable, who searched the house and took from her chamber a number of valuable articles of bric-a-brac. She was then taken before Burgess Howell and given a hearing on the charge of breaking into the residence of John Ashton during the absence of the family and taking therefrom the articles which the constable found in her room.

Mrs. Bowman denies the charge, but Ashton positively identifies the goods as having peen taken from his house. She was held in $300 bail for trial. The motive for the robbery is a mystery, and Mrs. Bowman stoutly denies the charge.

THE DELIGHTFUL NORTHWEST.

Snow Storms in Minnesota and Dakota. Fears of Floods.

ST. PAUL, MINN., April 29.—After three days of rain it began snowing this afternoon and at 9 p. m. still continues. Specials from St. Peter, Minn., Yankton and Canton, Dak., report a damp snow falling. This is ths latest snow of any spring for five years in South Dakota. While it may delay seeding somewhat it will not damage crops already in the ground. The rains have raised the Wisconsin and Chippewa rivers, causing considerable damage at Wausau, Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire. Some thirty families living on the Eau Claire flats have had to move. At Wausau there is danger that the guard lock above the mills will be carried out, in which case hundreds of thousands of dollars' damage would ensue.

Blizzard in Nebraska.

VALENTINE, NEB., April 29.—A severe blizzard is raging here, making travel almost impossible.

Hotel Burned.

FINDLAY, O., April 29.—The Mechanics' Hotel was totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Most of the furniture was saved, but badly damaged. The building belonged to E. G. Onmer, of Dayton. The loss on the building is $2,200; no insurance.

Mill and Cottages Destroyed.

LOUISVILLE, KY., April 29.—The flooring mills of R. B. Cotter & Co. burned yesterday, together with a large quantity of poplar lumber. Three small frame cottages, next to the mills were also burned. Losses aggregate $40,000; insurance $20,000.

To Expel Jews.

LONDON, April 29.—The Russian Government has decided to expel Jews from Helsingfors, except those who have served in the army. The Finnish papers are vigorously protesting against the decision.

Thirteen Lives Lost.

LONDON, April 29.—The ship Smyrna was sunk in a collision with the steamer Mets off the Isle of Wight to-day. Thirteen passengers were drowned.

WE RULE THE WORLD.

Foreign Nations Realize the Influence of America

IN POLITICS AND FINANCES.

Suicide of a Daughter of the Famous Madame Rachael—The Emperor's Condition—Other Interesting Foreign News.

LONDON, April 29.—The *Roenomist* says: We expect to hear little of American treasury accumulations if the American Government maintains the present rate of purchasing bonds.

There will be difficulty, however, which is likely to increase, as the supply of bonds diminish. It is easy to skin the market of bonds loosely held, but it is difficult to reach those held for investment, which will only be surrendered on distinctly advantageous terms.

Commenting on the Presidential election in America, the *Roenomist* says: "Vast business, financial and railway schemes hang upon the result of the election. Even English business waits. Europe has hardly realized that the growth of America has advanced the President's position to one of immense power and responsibility, so that it is now one of the first importance on earth. American diplomacy is guided by the President's decisions, and affects all countries. The President is now resolving the fisheries question with England, the Sami question with Germany, the emigration question with China, and the consular rights question with Morocco. He may next week decide whether America shall produce financial ruin in Paris, and shake the French Republic by its treatment of De Lessep's Panama canal.

The market was quiet and prices firm under influence of news of the German Emperor's improved condition and absence of any further development of the Boulanger movement. There was a strong demand for American railroad securities, both for the home and foreign account. A comparatively small amount of American stocks and bonds is now held in Europe, but a large amount of European capital would be attracted to American investments on perceiving satisfactory indication of an improvement in American trade, which would be reflected in an advance in the value of railroad securities.

Rioting in Paris.

PARIS, April 29.—Charles Ferry was to-day elected Senator for the Vosgues Department, defeating the Boulangist and Conservative candidates.

On Saturday night a crowd of Boulangists collected outside the Student's club where 300 students were assembled. The students gathered at all the windows, and on hearing shouts for Boulanger, fired four revolver shots into them. Nobody was injured, but the people were so angered that they forcibly resisted the police who tried to disperse them. The students then issued in a body and a general melee ensued, which at one time threatened to become serious. Finally a troop of mounted Gen-de-Armes arrived and dispersed the mob. A few persons were injured. The excitement continues.

Rachael's Daughter Suicides.

LONDON, April 29.—Helne Crosmond, a prima donna, committed suicide in a cab in Picadilly on Wednesday night. She had signed a contract with Mr. Harris, of the Drury Lane Opera Company, but owing to a misunderstanding she tore up the contract in a fit of temper. Mrs. Crosmond was the daughter of Madame Rachael. She was much respected in the profession, but had been unfortunate and was in straightened circumstances.

Two Opinions.

LONDON, April 29.—The *Daily News* says that premature importance should not be attached to the statement that the Pope has condemned the plan of campaign, adding: "Even if the statement is correct, it is well to remember that Ireland has never accepted Rome's influence in politics."

The *Post* thinks that the Pope's action is by far the most formidable blow yet struck at the Nationalists.

The Emperor Still Improves.

BERLIN, April 29.—The Emperor has a slight cough, but passed an excellent day. There was no return of fever. He was in the best of spirits. During the day he left his bed for a short time and engaged in reading, for the first time in a fortnight. The Emperor will probably go to Pots dam when he becomes stronger.

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Killed in a Duel.

PARIS, April 29.—In a duel in the Bois De Boulogne to-day, between Dupius and Habert, art critics, the former was killed.

Revolutionary Rising.

LONDON, April 29.—The revolutionary rising in Roumania has been renewed, this time close to the Russian frontier.

CABLE FLASHES.

Manuel Santalla and Miguel Gonzelez, the convicted Cuban kidnappers, were executed at Matanzas Saturday.

Sir Andrew Barclay Walker, formerly Mayor of Liverpool, has offered to give £250,000 towards building a Cathedral in that city.

M. DeVilers, the French Resident in Madagascar, has returned to Paris. He Reports that the former tension has give way to a feeling of mutual confidence.

The Lower House of the Hungarian Diet has passed the bill authorizing the summoning of the reserves in time of peace. All the amendments were rejected.

The French Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 196 to 105 decided to discuss the Panama lottery loan bill. The ultimate adoption of the bill is therefore probable.

General Ignatieff has been unanimously elected President of the Slavonic Benevolent Society of St. Petersburg. The election of General Ignatieff is considered in Vienna to bode ill to the peace of Europe.

The Belgian Free State on the Congo has been created by the Vatican an apostolic vicarate, and its administration intrusted to the Congregation of Missionaries at Sheud, near Brussels. An apostolic prefecture has been instituted at Balize.

Daniel Moriarty and Daniel Hayes were hanged at Tralee for the murder of James Fitzmaurice, near Lixnaw, County Kerry, January last. Both declared their innocence. Fitzmaurice had taken a farm from which his brother had been evicted.

SATURDAY'S GAME

At Island Park—Wheeling Wins the Third Game from Toledo.

Saturday's game at Island Park between the Toledos and the home team resulted in another victory for Wheeling, making it three straight that Wheeling commences with in the race for the pennant. The Toledos were entirely shut out Saturday, the score standing 15 to 0; it was the worst defeat that has yet occurred in the Tri-State League. Up to the seventh inning Wheeling had only one hit off Kelly, and yet had made two runs. Kelly was wild in his delivery and gave seven men their bases on balls. Added to his uncertain pitching was the miserable support of the Toledo men, especially in the last four innings. In the eighth inning the Wheeling boys batted Kelly unmercifully.

Wheeling's battery work as performed by Lemons and Stenzel, was very effective and went far toward winning the game. The fielding of the home team was all that could be desired. The Toled