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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

News from Everywhere.

It is reported that oil has been discovered on the Island of Conanic, off the New England coast.

The contract for turret armor for the United States Monitor Miantonomah has been awarded to an English firm.

The Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria hopes that the army of occupation in Bosnia and Herzegovina may soon be reduced.

The Cour de Leon gold excitement has reached Salt Lake City, and miners are starting north to the new placer diggings.

LIEUTENANT VIAND the French officer who told about the atrocities of the French sailors at the taking of Hue, has been retired.

HENRI ROCHEFORT charges the French Ministry with having an understanding with the Duc d'Annam to restore the Orleans dynasty.

CARDINAL MANNING thinks the Pope has shown much willingness to meet Bismarck's advances, and that Bismarck is anxious for a reconciliation.

SECRETARY FOLGER has made requisition on the Civil Service Commission for five men to fill 900 clerks' jobs which have been usually filled by women.

THE Attorney-General of Pennsylvania has begun proceedings to compel the Sinking Fund Commissioners to invest the sinking fund in United States bonds.

THOMAS BRENNAN and John Dillon, leaders of the Irish reform movement, were in Chicago on the 24th, and proposed to deliver lectures throughout the country.

At Chicago on the 23d a heavy track prevented Jay-Eye-See and Johnson from making great records. The latter paced three miles in 2:14, 2:15 1-2 and 2:15 3-4.

THE sum of \$250,000 has been subscribed by Bostonians in aid of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to be called the William Barton Rogers Fund.

THE Chinese Government is charged with trying to evade the anti-immigration laws by issuing traders' and students' certificates to persons not entitled to them.

WM. H. JENKINS & Co., door manufacturers, New York, have failed for \$179,000. Eddy, Harvey & Co., hats, caps and furs, of Chicago, have failed for \$200,000.

THE New York Board of Aldermen want \$20,000 to celebrate the centennial of the departure of British troops from that city, and ask the Mayor to proclaim a holiday.

COUNT VON MOLTKE celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday on the 26th at his estate at Kreisau in Silesia. The day was observed in Germany as a national holiday.

LONDON *Truth* says that the late Dr. Begg, the leader of the Puritanical section of the Scottish people, has left his family \$80,000, the fruit of successful stock-gambling.

THE New York, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company has absorbed the Pennsylvania Company of the same name. The new combination elected a Gould director.

THE trial, for hypotheating pay accounts, of Lieut. C. E. Hargons, of the Fifth Infantry, has resulted in a sentence of one month's suspension from rank and command.

DESIGNS have been invited for the main building of the World's Industrial Cotton Centennial Exposition at New Orleans. The building is to embrace 1,000,000 square feet.

MRS. LANGTRY started on the 25th on her professional tour through the country. Her first engagement is in Montreal, and from the United States she will probably go to Australia.

A STUCCO model of John Brown's statue has already been placed on a pedestal at Balmoral. The Queen is most anxious for the completion of the statue of her late factotum.

FOUR THOUSAND unstamped Chinese letters were discovered on the 25th on the steamer Tokio arriving in San Francisco. It is thought a similar fraud is practiced in sending unstamped letters to China.

DR. G. FAYETTE TAYLOR has obtained judgment for \$20,000 against a New York elevated railway company for running trains before a house he had rented for a hospital before the road was built.

ALEX. MITCHELL, the millionaire President of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, was tendered a grand reception by Milwaukeeans on the 26th, in honor of his safe return from Europe. The military turned out.

EX-COLLECTOR BEARD, of Boston, makes a statement to the effect that during the administration of Wm. A. Simmons as Collector of that port, an extensive system of smuggling was carried on with the knowledge of the officials.

ROBERT MORRISON, of Pittsburg, Pa., has used the *Commercial Gazette* of that city for \$100,000 for announcing while he was absent from the city that he had left for parts unknown with obligations to business patrons unsettled.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER PRICE reports a decided advance among the aborigines in the matters of husbandry and industrial schools. He recommends that Congress confer civil and criminal jurisdiction on the States and Territories over the reservations.

CAPTAIN RAND and Mate Pender, of the steamer Tropic, were sentenced in Philadelphia on the 26th to one year's imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$500 and costs for violating the neutrality laws by furnishing arms and ammunition to the Haytian insurgents.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

FRANCIS J. KELLY, seventeen years old, who murdered his employer, R. E. Arnett, on a trading boat near Rockport, Ind., and after robbing the corpse set fire to the boat, has been arrested.

PROSPECTS of war between France and China seem to grow stronger.

THIRTEEN buildings were burned in the business portion of Miles City, M. T., on the night of the 23d. The flames were checked by blowing up a building in the track of the fire.

A HEAVY snow was reported in Vermont on the 24th.

THE Government paid \$19,234,899 for mail transportation last year.

THE annual Convention of Fire Engineers met in New Orleans on the 24th.

GENERAL CROOK again reports the Chiricahuas on their way to the reservation.

THE hardest northeast gale known in years was reported raging on the New England coast on the 24th.

THE police in New York raided ten policy shops on the 24th, arrested the proprietors and closed the establishments.

It is stated that the Commercial Bank of Reading, Pa., is to be placed in liquidation. Depositors will probably be paid in full.

In Salt Lake City, Utah, a petition was recently presented to the City Council for a cable railway, with five cents fare, from Jordan River to Fort Douglas.

THE Bundesrath has decided to prolong the state of siege in Berlin and Hamburg under the Socialist law.

ABBETT, the Democratic nominee for Lieutenant-Governor in Massachusetts, has declined to make the race.

THE Geodetic Association at Rome recommends the universal adoption of the Greenwich meridian as a time standard.

DANIEL B. VERMILYE has been arrested in Chicago, charged with embezzlement of \$183,000 from the Weems Stone and Marble Company of that city.

A MASSACHUSETTS workhouse convict some time ago was dissatisfied with his treatment and set fire to the buildings. He has been transferred to the Penitentiary for twenty years.

THE wholesale clothing house of Stern, Trautman & Co., Philadelphia, has failed for \$150,000.

THE Society of the Army of the Cumberland met at Cincinnati on the 24th.

BALTIMORE polled 54,475 votes at the city election on the 23d. The regular Democratic ticket was successful.

BILLY PORTER, the burglar, has been locked up charged with shooting Walsh in New York at the time Walsh and Irving were reported as having killed each other.

AMONG the cases recently docketed in the U. S. Supreme Court is the City of New Orleans vs. Myra Clark Gaines. The record in the case is the largest ever submitted to the Supreme Court or probably any other court. It is bound in one immense volume, which weighs over 200 pounds and contains 3,200,000 words. It takes two men to open and shut the book.

DAVID STEINBACH, of Germina, Minn., was murdered the night of the 24th, supposedly as the result of a neighborhood quarrel.

THE National Board of Steam Engineers are taking steps to have Congress revise the navigation laws.

TWO strangers went to the house of an aged couple near Clinton Falls, Ind., on the night of the 23d and knocked both down with clubs inflicting fatal injuries. They plundered the house, securing \$15, and left.

JOHN TAYLOR and Joseph Bird escaped from the Penitentiary at Salt Lake City on the 25th, snatching a rifle from the guard as they ran.

STEPHEN JONES, in the employ of Gaskill, Greenlee & Co., New York, fled on the 25th with the box containing the weekly wages of employees.

NINE more deaths from cholera were reported at Alexandria, Egypt, on the 25th.

A DISASTROUS fire occurred on the 25th in the lumber district at Pittsburg, Pa.

MICHAEL WATERS, one of the Irish murder conspirators, died in prison on the 25th.

THE Naval Advisory Board recommends the construction of seven new warships.

MEXICAN troops are reported to have routed the Apaches in a recent fight with great slaughter.

A CABLEGRAM brings news that Russia in her foreign policy is entirely devoted to peace.

KEY JOS. LESSON has been elected Provincial of the Franciscan Order of the United States.

THE saw-mill of Bliss, Brown & Co. and some other buildings burned at East Saginaw, Mich. Loss, \$90,000.

THE Society of the Army of the Cumberland re-elected the old officers on the 25th, and decided to meet next year at Rochester, N. Y.

THE United States survey steamer Hassler, just returned from Alaska, reports the discovery of a fine harbor at the southern end of Nichol Pass.

THE Treasury Department has decided to reopen the question as to the amount of duty to be paid on imported rice. Brewers are interested in the decision.

ONE of the Mexicans engaged in the murder of four men near Garner, Arizona, a few nights ago, was caught by vigilantes and dragged by the neck at the pommel of a saddle till dead.

SUIT has been begun at Philadelphia on behalf of Mary Rose Berlear against the Sisters of the Order of St. Francis, to recover \$1,800 deposited with the order in money and goods upon her admission, eighteen years ago, and six years' salary at \$1,500 for services as a needle woman.

THE Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, the largest in Indiana, voted on the 25th to extend a call to Rev. James McLeod, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, N. Y.

DAVID SALUSA, a desperado, for whom the San Miguel County authorities had offered \$500 reward, was captured on the 24th by cowmen at Wagon Mound, Texas, and taken to Las Vegas, N. M.

A LONDON dispatch of the 25th says it is learned that the Princess of Wales is incurably deaf.

THE latest Nihilist proclamation is being extensively circulated. It demands that the Czar shall summon representatives of the Russian people, and asks for full amnesty, freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and the right to hold public meetings as the only means of preventing revolution. Pitiless vengeance is threatened if the demands of the Nihilists are disregarded.

SIR CLIFFORD LLOYD, the Irish Magistrate, was seized with cholera soon after his arrival in Egypt.

EUGENE O'NEILL, an ex-detective in the Phoenix Park murder case, having cut his throat with a blunt razor, says he was driven to attempt suicide by the persecution of Fenians, who so blasted his character that even the Salvation Army rejected him.

WHAT is called the Overland Telephone Company has been organized at Cincinnati, with \$300,000 capital. It is understood to be a branch of a New York company.

A MAN bitten by a cur dog at Des Moines, Ia., got a verdict for \$225 damages from the owner on the 26th.

LORD COLERIDGE addressed the Yale students and was entertained by President Porter on the 26th.

FRANCIS J. KELLY, the boy murderer of R. T. Winett, at Rockford, Ind., has been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

TWO engines and twelve cars were wrecked on the morning of the 26th at the Fremont (O.) depot of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Road.

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TARBOX of Massachusetts has refused to reinstate the United States Plate Glass Insurance Company.

A YOUNG woman named Jennie Metzger was assaulted at Indianapolis the night of the 26th by an unknown man and woman and dangerously cut.

DR. A. J. LEITCH, of Mineral Bridge, O., on the 26th dropped a lighted newspaper into a gas well fifty feet deep and was fatally injured in the explosion which followed.

MARSHAL HARRIS, of Greenfield, O., says that in defending his own life he shot John Daggett, who was found dead the night of the 24th.

CHOLERA is reappearing at various villages in Egypt.

GERMANY and Russia are increasing their frontier armaments.

A PORTUGUESE Geographical Society protests against the tone of Stanley's Congo letter.

A FREIGHT train on the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad collided with a construction train the morning of the 26th at West Philadelphia. Both trains were badly wrecked.

NICHOLAS HALEN attempted to couple lumber cars at Tinkey River Station, Ia., on the 26th, when timbers projecting from the cars caught his head between their ends, crushing it like an egg-shell.

THE man Sanley and his wife, arrested at Wadena, Minn., for the murder of Steinbach, in Todd County, have made a full confession. The woman assisted with a pitchfork in committing the murder.

THE three Irish informers who were refused a landing in Australia have reached Calcutta.

SEVENTY-FIVE hostile Apaches have surrendered to Lieutenant Hunter at Silver Creek, Arizona.

THE Pope will declare the Pantheon a pagan temple if the monument to Victor Emanuel is erected in the center.

GERMAN exports to the United States have decreased less than one-third of one percent in the past year.

OVER 1,000,000 postal orders were issued last year, having a value of more than \$125,000,000.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

THE Attorney General has rendered an opinion in regard to the effect of the clause in the new tariff law, which provides that there shall be no allowance for breakage, leakage or damage on wines, liquors, cordials or distilled spirits. The Attorney General holds that the proviso does not require an assessment of duty upon a greater quantity than is actually imported as shown by the returns of the proper officers.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CORNHILL estimates that soldiers and their relatives have been defrauded of a million dollars through the fraudulent practices of pension attorneys. He expressed the intention of bringing the matter to the attention of the Grand Jury. Colonel Cornhill requests that all soldiers or others having copies of deceptive circulars from agents in Washington, or knowledge of any fraudulent transactions on their part, will mail him full information upon the subject, in order that he may bring the guilty parties to justice.

THE Berlin newspapers warn persons intending to emigrate not to buy United States trade dollars, large quantities of which have been imported into Germany for sale at their face value.

IN the United States Court at Atlanta, Ga., eight persons were recently found guilty of "Kukluxing" and remanded to jail for sentence.

THE President has issued a proclamation fixing Thursday, Nov. 29th, as a day of Thanksgiving.

A GALVESTON, Tex., special states that two road agents halted the Bowie mail stage the other night and secured several registered packages. No passengers were aboard.

THE West-bound passenger train on the Chicago & Alton road was partially wrecked on the night of the 27th, near Glendale, fourteen miles east of Kansas City, by the spreading of the rails, several coaches left the track and passengers were thrown about violently. Twenty passengers were injured; none fatally.

SAN FRANCISCO shoemakers, to the number of six hundred, it is said have formed themselves into clubs to work for General Butler for President.

EARLY on Sunday morning, the 28th, a fire broke out in the Kansas City *Evening Star* office, completely destroying the contents of the composing room, besides damaging the presses and counting room. The loss to the *Star* was about \$4,000, and to other occupants of the building about \$17,000, making a total loss of \$21,000 before the fire was subdued. Mostly insured.

DURING a recent dispute over a game of cards in a store at Coatsosa Station, on the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, near Vinita, I. T., a Cleveland, a Texas cattle man, shot and killed John James, a resident of Cherokee City, Ark. Cleveland escaped.

A TERRIBLE DEED.

Husband and Father Murders his Wife and Three Children at New Comerstown, Ohio—The Terrible Scene Revealed to the Discoverers of the Bloody Deed.

NEW COMERSTOWN, O., Oct. 24. This community is now laboring under the most intense excitement over the discovery last night of one of the most shocking and revolting cases of murder and suicide ever occurring in this part of Ohio. News reached here about midnight that Albert Frizer, living one and a half miles north of Lock 12, Frye's Creek Valley, on the Ohio Canal, had murdered his three children and his wife and then killed himself.

It seems that last night about eight o'clock Mr. J. Niesbaum, brother-in-law of Mr. Frizer, came along the road past Frizer's house and noticed that the cow in the barn-yard was rather restless. Mr. Niesbaum made an investigation and found that the animal had been milked for several days and thinking this very strange, he repaired to the house and found the doors all locked and bolted, the windows nailed down and the blinds all drawn. He called a few neighbors and then commenced to inspect the premises. On peeping through a window, the curtain of which was partly drawn aside, they were horrified at beholding blood stains on the floor and also a man's foot covered with blood near the window. Lighting a lantern they raised the window and entered the house, when a horrible spectacle presented itself. On the floor near the north window, in the east room of the building, lay the dead body of Albert Frizer, while in a crib standing against the side of the room, not three feet from the father, lay the dead bodies of his two oldest children. On a bed on the other side of the room lay the mangled remains of Mrs. Frizer, with the dead body of her infant clasped in her arms. Everything in the room seemed well arranged, showing no signs of a scuffle, and the evidence seemed to be that Frizer murdered his whole family while they were asleep and then killed himself.

Mrs. Frizer was found with her throat cut from ear to ear, and the infant in her arms must have been beaten to death with some blunt instrument, as it was covered with blood. Both the mother and the child were found with their heads beaten almost to a jelly with some blunt instrument.

On examining Frizer's face it was found to have been blown almost completely off, and an empty gun barrel which had been in a chair near him told how he had killed himself. The gun had no stock or hammer, and the wretched man must have loaded the barrel and then held one end in his mouth and the other in the flame of a lamp till it exploded, as the lamp was found shattered to pieces on the floor.

The horrible deed must have been done on Sunday night, as on the night they were last seen alive. On Sunday evening Mr. Frizer's brother-in-law, Mr. Judy, had a talk with him, and on that occasion Frizer told him he had been to New Comerstown and consulted Dr. Beers, and that he had advised Frizer to quit work for awhile until his health got better, as he had been sick for some time. It is thought that on the fatal Sunday night Frizer must have become very and then he became insane, from brooding over his having to give up earning his living. He was not in the best circumstances.

The house in which the horrible tragedy occurred is a story-and-a-half frame structure, and stands alone on the road to Frye's Creek Valley, a few rods from a church and school-house. It is the same house where Mrs. Frizer was born and belongs to her grandmother. The premises around the house are in splendid condition, everything having the appearance of neatness and good order. Frizer was a farmer by occupation, and was highly respected in his community. He was about thirty-two years of age.

Nothing has ever occurred in this section that has caused such intense excitement, and the news of the terrible crime spread like wild fire from front to back, and the surrounding country visited the premises to-day. The general opinion seems to prevail that Frizer was undoubtedly insane, such a deliberate and cold-blooded murder in his sane moments. The tragedy sends an entire family into eternity.

A MANIAC'S FREAK.

A Man Considered as a Harmless Crank Embraces a Revolver, Stows it in His Pocket, and is Killed—Burned to Death in the Woods.

WARRENTON, MO., Oct. 24. The citizens of this place have to-night witnessed a horrible spectacle. A man by the name of Keeney, who was considered a harmless crank, has been wandering around town a day or two, and this evening, as he was cold and wet, the authorities locked him up in the large room adjoining the jail, under the Court-house. A good, hot fire was burning in the coal stove, and the jailer left him there and went to supper. Some time afterward persons passing on the street heard terrible cries in that direction, and on going to ascertain the cause saw Keeney standing up and hugging the red-hot stove and his clothes on fire. The stove was broken and the man snatched away as quickly as possible, but too late to save him from a terrible death. The flesh from his breast, arms and face was literally roasted. Dr. Kamach was called in and pronounced the case hopeless. Keeney is the same man who was knocked off the railroad track at the Red Hill bridge last spring and crippled. He was for some time afterward quite rational, and no one dreamed he was so insane as to walk into the jaws of death in this fashion.

The excitement over the strange death of Keeney has hardly died away before we have a second. Daniel Elle went to the woods with his gun and it is supposed shot himself, his clothes taking fire and his body burning to ashes from the knees to the upper part of the chest.

A Shocking Fate.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Oct. 24. Near Lake Washington, Le Sueur County, L. Chapman, of the firm of Hammel & Chapman, Lake Washington Saw-mill, was this afternoon engaged in the mill as head sawyer, and in going about his work in some manner lost his footing and fell on the saw while it was in motion, and he was horribly mutilated. His right arm was badly sawed in a number of places, and his skull was sawed clear through, and a part of the brain was found on a log near by. Chapman was still living at five p. m., but his death was expected every minute. He has been operating saw-mills for many years, and is widely and favorably known.

THE Subsidence of Yellow Fever.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24. Surgeon-General Hamilton, of the Marine Hospital service, says that reports received at his office indicate that the yellow fever has spent its force in this country, although Vera Cruz, Mexico is still infected. Instructions had been forwarded to Pensacola, Fla., directing that the cordon be discontinued around the naval reservation after to-morrow, but quarantine regulations should be enforced for the remainder of this month. In his opinion, the season was now too far advanced for the yellow fever to make any further ravages or headway, and the risks are now greatly lessened for the importation of any contagious disease.

TERRIBLE RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Two Cars with Their Loads of Human Beings Overturned and Dragged Along the Track of the Louisville & Nashville Air Line Road Near St. Louis—Upwards of Sixty Persons Seriously Injured, Some Probably Fatally.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Oct. 23. The morning through train on the Air Line from Louisville to this city, met with a serious accident. The train had passed Bellevue, and was within five or six miles of East St. Louis, when a broken rail on the track threw the two last coaches, that is the passenger coach and the sleeper, Louisville, from the track. The train was running at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour, and the two coaches were upset and dragged some distance on the ground, when the coupling parted and they were detached from the forward part of the train. Both coaches were full of passengers, and the scenes presented immediately after the accident were terrible in the extreme. The passengers were thrown violently forward and to the side of the coaches, and were massed in a confused heap of mangled, bruised and bleeding men, women and children. The interior fixtures of the coaches were broken and torn to pieces by the violence of the fall and served only to wound the unfortunate people in the cars. The forward part of the train was backed to the spot as soon as the accident was discovered, and the work of extricating the wounded was promptly and efficiently undertaken by the railroad employes and the uninjured passengers. Scarcely an occupant of either one of the coaches escaped without cuts and bruises, but the number of fatalities was so small as to be almost miraculous. The cars were literally covered with blood, which was flowing profusely from cuts, and it was at first thought that the loss of life was very great. So far as known, only one person, a gentleman from Providence named Anthony, was fatally injured. His skull was crushed and cut so badly as to make his recovery almost impossible. The wounded were brought at once to this city and medical aid was summoned. A brakeman had his leg broken, several passengers were injured internally and many others were cut and bruised in a terrible manner.

It is impossible to tell the full extent of the fatalities at this writing, but reports state that there will be a large number. At least sixty people suffered injuries of various kinds and more or less severe in the wrecking of the coaches. One woman, whose name could not be learned, had her scalp torn almost entirely from her head. The number of people with broken bones and cuts makes up a record of heartrending suffering. Fortunately most of the children were from the debris of the train with only slight injuries. As one passenger remarked, it was simply wonderful that so many escaped immediate death.

THROUGH A BROKEN BRIDGE.

Three Persons Killed and Twenty-one Injured by the Fall of a Train Through a Broken Bridge at Fort Edward, N. Y.

FORT EDWARD, N. Y., Oct. 22. Train No. 7, on the Glens Falls Branch of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, went through a bridge over a Glens Falls feeder to the Champlain Canal, eighty rods north of Fort Edward. The engine crossed the bridge, but the baggage and passenger car went down into the water, a total wreck. About twenty passengers were aboard. The following are the killed and wounded: Killed—Dallas Crippen, Glens Falls; Mr. Wincoff, Gloversville; Mrs. Michael Monahan, Glens Falls. Wounded—E. Thiese, fatally injured; Thomas E. Connors, Glens Falls, legs broken and shoulder sprained; Patrick Howard, fireman, badly injured internally; Thomas Brady, brakeman, Glens Falls, leg broken, internal injuries; John Jenkins, conductor, face and head badly cut; Edward Deal, engineer, cut about the head; Mrs. B. Theiss, Fort Edward, arm broken and head badly cut; Mrs. W. Howland, Fort Edward, head and side injured; Miss Tisdale, White Hall, injured slightly about the chest; Thomas Loomis, baggage man, shoulder sprained; Charles Sheffers, expressman, shoulder dislocated; Charles Calestraki, foot burned and head cut; James Loomis Sandy Hill, bruised and cut; James C. McIntyre, Ticonderoga, N. Y., leg broken and injured internally; Abraham Wing, Fort Edward, head and neck cut; Mrs. C. W. Carr, Fort Edward, cut about the head and body bruised; N. Goldstein, Glens Falls, badly cut about the head; Jacob Goldstein, slightly injured; John H. Messick, proprietor of the Albin Hotel, Saratoga, head and chest injured; Mrs. Florence Stoddard, Fort Edward, injured about the limbs and head; John Cashion, Glens Falls, concussion of the spine. Every person on the train was injured except the newsboy, Eddie White, of Lake George.

THE PENSION BUREAU.

Commissioner Dudley Reorganizing the Examiners and the Interior Department About to Decapitate a Batch of Swindling Claim Agents.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22. Commissioner Dudley is reorganizing the force of special examiners of the Pension Bureau, so as to facilitate the handling of cases and the detection of fraud. The methods of fast work will be continued in the future, but it is expected that results will be improved. There are now 250 examiners in the field and twenty others ready to begin work. The Commissioner says that 350 examiners can be profitably employed. The most troublesome class of claims for investigation and settlement are those resulting from disease, of which 118,000 were outstanding on the beginning of the fiscal year. Commissioner Dudley says that the Government is not imposed upon by fraudulent claims to nearly the same extent as persons honestly entitled to pensions are imposed upon by swindling claim agents. From time to time, as often as fraudulent practices by these agents have been detected, the Commissioner has lodged complaint against the offenders before the Secretary of the Interior. Many of these rogues have been disbanded, and some by hard work have succeeded in being reinstated. Secretary Teller, it is said, has not been so prompt in disposing of the cases of those persons against whom complaints have been made as is desired. To-day, however, action was taken by the Interior Department in the cases of all pension agents recommended for suspension by Colonel Dudley for irregularities in their practice before the pension office, and it is understood that all requests of Commissioner Dudley for suspension were agreed to.

THE Secret Died With Him.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Oct. 22. The telegram from St. Louis stating that a new crew had been found to Charlie Ross has been corroborated by the statement made by a gentleman here from Wyoming Territory, who says that Henry Mosher, brother of the Mosher who admitted kidnapping Charlie Ross, was lynched near Cheyenne five weeks ago. Mosher begged that his life should be spared twenty-four hours, and said he would give the world information for which it had been seeking years past. He admitted having custody of a person held for ransom for more than a year and said he had been driven to the far West by the hot pursuit of detectives. Time was not allowed and the secret died with him.

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