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TRINKITAT, Feb. 28.--A battle took place today between Gen. Graham and the rebels not far from here, in which the latter were defeated.

Gen. Graham will march from Fort Baker this afternoon. He will bivouac to-night and resume the march on Feb. tomorrow. One company of soldiers will be left to guard Trinkitat.

CAIRO, Feb. 28.--Two Egyptian battalions have started for Assuan. Fresh directions have been sent to Gen. Graham repeating the previous orders to restrict his operations to the defense of Suakin.

LONDON, Feb. 28.--The report of a battle between Gen. Graham's troops and the rebels near Trinkitat has not been confirmed. It is expected that a battle will certainly be fought today.

The war office has no information regarding a rebel defeat, and special dispatches to Reuters' Telegram company make no mention of such an occurrence. A dispatch from Trinkitat, dated last night to the Daily Telegraph states that the English expedition started for Assuan yesterday afternoon, and intended to bivouac there last night and advance on Feb. today.

MORE INFERNAL MACHINES.

LONDON, Feb. 28.--The clock of the clock maker of the Charing Cross railway station exploded at midnight last night a suspicious looking box. It has been sent to Woolwich to be examined. There is little doubt but that it contained explosives. The detectives have kept a close watch upon the reports of the Irish nationalist in London, but they have made no discoveries. It is believed that the dynamite conspiracy is managed wholly abroad, and that the conspirators hold no connection with the Fenian or national circle here.

The infernal machine was inside a valve attached to a cash box. It consisted of a mass of twenty pounds of dynamite, in which was embedded an American alarm clock pistol. The hammer of the pistol was elevated.

The clock room clerk at Charing Cross station heard a noise like the ticking of a clock inside of a heavy valve. He forthwith handed the valve over to the police, who sent it to Woolwich. The report that the police found a large quantity of explosives under the Charing Cross railway station has not been confirmed. The officials at the station apprehended that some outrage would be attempted early this morning. The valve contained a tin box with a quantity of dynamite fastened to it. Within the tin box was a clock movement connected with a loaded revolver, and timed to run four hours before discharging the revolver. Luckily, when the hammer of the revolver had fallen the cartridge had failed to explode, and a disaster was thus averted. The valve was deposited in the clock room on Monday night. It contained twenty pounds of dynamite. It is believed that the conspirators intended that this machine should explode exactly like the one that at the Victoria railway station.

The clock movement is of American make. The railway officials absolutely deny that any dynamite was found underneath the station. The dynamite and clockwork were packed in a cloth bag exactly like the valve found at the Victoria railway station which is supposed to have caused the explosion there on Tuesday morning. There is no clue to the person who left the valve in the Charing Cross station. It has exploded it would have done much greater damage than that at the Victoria station, as the clock room is built under a hotel.

OUR MINISTER TO GERMANY.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.--Several of the Berlin papers which hold friendly relations with Minister Sargent have been asked the question of his recall has not been raised. Many inquiries have been received at the white house, at Washington, relative to Mr. Sargent's possible recall. To all such the secretary of state returns the unqualified answer, "There is no thought of recalling Mr. Sargent."

The leading politicians here are discussing the question whether or not the reichstag will adopt a resolution thanking the United States for the assistance rendered to them during the national convention at Chicago, and the other delegates will be selected by the congressional districts, either at or before the convention.

AN EX-PENSION AGENT ARRIGNED.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.--Dr. Axel Ames, who was recently removed from office as government pension agent, was arrested this morning for alleged malfeasance in office, and was arraigned before Commissioner Haller. He furnished \$5,000 bail for his appearance for examination next Tuesday.

EMMA NEVADA'S SPONSORS.

PARIS, Feb. 28.--Mrs. Mackay will set as sponsor with M. Gouard at the reception of Miss Nevada, the American prima donna, into the Catholic church. The Rev. Matthew Kelly is Miss Nevada's instructor, and has prepared her for admission to the church.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

VIENNA, Feb. 28.--The semi-official rapportement between Russia and Germany is warmly welcomed here. The Austro-German alliance is the undeniable basis of the Austrian policy. Austria will continue to attach the greatest importance to Italy's participation in the alliance. France probably will also appreciate Russia's adhesion to the peace alliance.

DYNAMITE "SUSPECTS."

LONDON, Feb. 28.--A score of agents and French police have been engaged in tracking the movements of certain suspicious persons. The "suspects" were traced from Havre to Paris and then to Brussels, but were lost sight of beyond Brussels. There is no evidence that dynamite supplies have been received through France. The London police have received information that explosive materials and infernal machines have been sent from America through Hamburg. The names and residences of the five "suspects" watched by French officers are as follows: Michael Maurice, No. 419 Fulton street, Eastham, N. Y.; Patrick Dillon, No. 174 Oliver street, Paterson, N. J.; John Liston and Richard Liston, Denton City, Texas; and Thomas Ryan, No. 127 Twenty-fifth street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The police want to have the positive proof to connect them with the London plot. The French government has instructed the prefecture at Paris to give every assistance to the English police. It is reported that the English government will send Prime Minister Ferry on the subject of the suspicion of suspected dynamite from France.

NEW JERSEY REPUBLICANS.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 28.--The time for holding the republican state convention at Trenton has been changed to April 7.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Gov. Stoneman, of California, has obtained a injunction restraining Attorney General Marshall from compromising the railroad tax cases.

The University of Pennsylvania has rejected the latest recently drawn list of representatives of the number of colleges requiring college athletes.

The 5th Maryland regiment has left New Orleans for Baltimore direct via the southern route, and will reach there tomorrow.

Both houses of the Connecticut legislature yesterday passed resolutions appointing committees to investigate resolutions on the death of ex-Gov. Hubbard.

George H. Mills was found guilty in the King's county, New York, supreme court yesterday of murder in the first degree for killing his wife in 1879.

The timber-stealing case of No. 2 boiler house of No. 2 staff of the Susquehanna company at Newberry, Pa., resumed yesterday because of the failure of the jury, and the same was yesterday decided. The accident will cause a few days' delay of operations.

and two murders at Monte Carlo since the first of January. It is stated that the newspapers have been paid to suppress all mention of these tragic events.

EX-MINISTER HUNT.

The London "Times" eulogizes Hunt-Mrs. Hunt's Reply to the President.

LONDON, Feb. 28.--The Times this morning has an obituary notice of Mr. W. H. Hunt, late United States minister at St. Petersburg, in which it says: "Mr. Hunt was a southerner, honest and sturdy, and of venerable presence. He might well have sat to a painter as a type of the Puritan father. His was a prominent head among the crowd of diplomats present at the coronation at the Kremlin in May. Hospitality was nowhere more freely or graciously dispensed than at his elegant hired villa at Moscow, over which waved the stars and stripes."

A telegram from St. Petersburg was received in this city last evening, in which Mrs. Hunt gratefully acknowledges receipt of the message of condolence from the President and secretary of state, and informs them that the remains of Minister Hunt will be brought by the family to this country for interment.

Schoolboys With Pistols.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.--Four schoolboys, whose ages range from 10 to 12 years, were arrested today and given a hearing before a magistrate on charge of carrying concealed deadly weapons. A pistol was found in the possession of one of the boys while in the schoolroom. It was taken from him, and he informed the teacher that he had purchased it from a schoolmate. Investigation showed that the weapon had in turn belonged to several scholars, and had been originally purchased by one of the boys at a pawnshop kept by Mrs. Josephine Isaacs. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Mrs. Isaacs, but owing to severe illness she was not able to appear, and her husband appeared as her representative. A further hearing will be held to-morrow, and each of the boys was held in \$300 bail to appear at that time. It is thought that other pawnbrokers will be implicated for having sold weapons to boys, the penalty for which is a fine of \$300.

Two Trains Demolished.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.--A dispatch to the Daily News from Paris, Ill., says: A local east-bound passenger train on the Indianapolis and St. Louis road, which left here for Indianapolis at 12 o'clock to-day, collided with a west-bound freight train when one mile east of here. The engines of both trains were demolished, and Fireman Lindsay, of the freight train, was instantly killed. The cars are splintered and piled in a compact heap. Many passengers were hurt, but at present the number and names of the killed and injured cannot be ascertained. It is rumored that twelve were killed. The accident is ascribed to disobedience of orders.

Bismarck Don't Want Holland.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.--The official newspapers deny the truth of the reports that the German government aims to annex Holland. They refer to Prince Bismarck's reply to a private Dutch deputation, which had called upon him with reference to the proposed annexation of Holland, in the course of which reply Prince Bismarck said that Germany had no such aim; that she already had too many revolutionary elements to assimilate.

Death of a Virginia Journalist.

PETERSBURG, Va., Feb. 28.--Intelligence has been received here of the death of John Dunlap Osborne, in Paris. The deceased was a native of Petersburg, and had been a contributor to Paris journals and Paris correspondent to several leading newspapers of New York and New Orleans. He also contributed to the Century and other American magazines. The remains will be brought to New York for interment.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

MACON, Ga., Feb. 28.--The boiler of a stationary engine connected with the pile driving machinery of the Central railroad, exploded yesterday afternoon near Blakely, killing the engineer, William Sloan, and seriously injuring his little son, also the fireman and two negroes. The engine and the car containing the machinery are a total wreck.

Dartmouth to Have a Library Building.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 28.--At a meeting of the trustees of Dartmouth college here today it was voted to erect a library building in connection with the institution at a cost of \$50,000.

Plans for the immediate construction of a chapel at Hanover were obtained to-day from Hon. E. Ashton Rollins, of Philadelphia.

The Ohio Republican State Convention.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 28.--The republican state central committee to-day fixed the date of the state convention as April 23 and 24, to be held at Cleveland. The convention will select four delegates at large to attend the national convention at Chicago, and the other delegates will be selected by the congressional districts, either at or before the convention.

Mr. Nimmo's Statistics Pronounced Absurd.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.--John Lowe, secretary of the department of agriculture, gave evidence today before the select committee on emigration. The expenditures for the year was \$25,134. During the examination, Mr. Lowe said that the statements of the chief of the bureau of statistics at Washington, with reference to the number of persons coming into the United States from Canada, were simply absurd and without a particle of foundation. In fact, Chief Nimmo, of the Washington bureau, placed the number who entered the United States for settlement from Canada in 1883 at over 70,000, 45,000 of this number entering at Port Huron.

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SOME SERIOUS FIRES.

The Cedar Works at Richmond, Va., Burned--Disastrous Conflagration in New York--Other Fires.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 28.--Fires broke out at 2:30 this afternoon in the Richmond cedar works on the Manchester side of the river, opposite this city, and under the influence of a high wind the flames spread rapidly. The works are in close proximity to large cotton, paper, and flour mills, which at one time were threatened with destruction. The cedar works buildings were totally destroyed. The company's loss will reach \$75,000. Over 150 men and boys are thrown out of employment. Flying sparks set fire to several buildings, all of which were saved, however, with the exception of G. P. Stacy's shank factory, which was entirely consumed. His loss is about \$15,000. The Cedar Works company's insurances is over \$60,000, including the following: Southern, of New Orleans, \$2,500; Fire Association, of Philadelphia, \$2,500; and Washington Fire and Marine, \$2,500.

New York, Feb. 28.--A fire broke out shortly before 4 o'clock this morning on the third floor of a ten-story building, No. 239 Stanton street. The floor was occupied by Cornelius Van Ripper, his family consisting of his wife Rebecca and three children, and N. Conolly. Mr. Van Ripper and his three children were suffocated and hurried to death. His wife jumped from the third story window to the sidewalk and was instantly killed. No. 239 Stanton street is an old three-story frame building. On the ground floor there is a candy store. Mrs. Ellen Ryan and a family of six children, occupied the second, and the Van Ripper family the third. The five members of the latter slept in two rooms opening on the street. The room in which the fire broke out, a 'longshoreman' named Weaver, was working over the floor woke up the Ryan family, underneath, and they escaped, just as Policeman Mulligan discovered the smoke from the street, and gave the alarm. The ship carpenter Freesley, finding escape by way of the stairs cut off, landed his children on the second story window, and followed with his wife, all reaching the street safely. While the policeman was making his first effort to enter the house Mrs. Van Ripper fell from the window, and was instantly killed. Weaver, the boarder, did not turn up, and it was supposed that all had escaped. Three-quarters of an hour later the firemen found Cornelius Van Ripper dead beside his bed, upon which lay his oldest boy, Albert, aged 7 years, and a girl, aged 5 years, who were suffocated; the boy was smothered. From the window of the same room his wife, Rebecca, had jumped to her death. In the adjoining room Jennie, aged 10, and Francis, aged 2 years, were suffocated, and were found lying under the window which they had reached, but too late. All were badly burned.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 28.--A special from Duluth, dated at midnight, says: A fire started here at 11 o'clock, and is still burning. It has already destroyed two large two-story buildings, causing a loss of \$12,000. The Merchants' hotel was destroyed with most of its contents. A special from Duluth says: The total loss is \$38,000.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.--Four fires occurred in the city between 10 and 11 o'clock to-night. The first at 27 and 29 South Water street, occupied by Koon Brothers & Co., produce commission merchants, and E. C. Young & Bro., canned goods, valued at \$20,000, belonging to, and partially covered by insurance.

The third fire destroyed the four-story carpenter shop of J. H. King, at the corner of Thompson street and Lehigh avenue, together with a dwelling adjoining. The loss on mill and dwelling amount to \$25,000, of which one-half is covered by insurance.

The fourth fire was in the owners & Weightman's extensive laboratory, Ninth and Parrish streets. A high wind prevailed all night and interfered considerably with the work of the firemen. Three alarms had been sent for the latter fire at 1:15, and it is feared that the loss will be heavy.

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amount of labor. The morning session was held with closed doors. In the evening session the subject of prison labor was considered. Among those who presented their views were E. R. Stamp, of North Carolina; Warden Michael S. Cassidy, of the eastern penitentiary of Pennsylvania; Frank S. Doig, warden of the Concord, N. H. state prison; E. B. Bond, of the Michigan state prison, and Gen. Bruckerhoff, of the Ohio state board of charities, and the majority favor the contract labor system as the only practicable method of employing prisoners.

THE SALMI MOISE INQUEST.

Conflicting Testimony of Miss Blackburn and Mr. McGivney.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.--The inquest on the body of Salmi Morse, the author of the "Passion Play," whose dead body was found in the river on Friday last, was continued to-day. Miss Blackburn, the actress, was recalled. She said that she was on the stage, surrounded by attaches and supernumeraries, when informed of Mr. Morse's death. The witness repeated the story she told yesterday of the assault on Mr. Morse in her apartment by McGivney, and said she presumed they went out together, as they both disappeared at the same time. Mr. McGivney returned about 6 o'clock in the morning, four hours later. Witness told him it was a queer hour to call on her. He said he didn't care what hour it was he wanted to come in. Witness opened the door. McGivney was pale and excited, and the witness thought it strange. His appearance was ghastly. He said to witness, "What are you going to do about this? Here I have been tramping the streets all night." Witness made no reply, but closed the door. She had known McGivney since her home on several occasions, and he had repeatedly asked her to be his wife, but she refused. She knew Mr. Morse at her father's house in San Francisco. She saw Mr. Morse's body at the morgue. There was a blue mark on the left cheek, produced, she thought, by the blow dealt by McGivney. McGivney knew that Mr. Morse understood his (McGivney) was a suitor of the witness. Mr. Morse was very ill. He had been suffering from hemorrhoids. Witness said that McGivney had said he wished he was dead, that he was tired of the world. He had been very dependent since the failure of the "Passion Play." Mr. Morse had no means so far as the witness knew, and had told her that he drew a pension from the Crimian war.

Thomas J. McGivney denied that he had made any proposal of marriage to Miss Blackburn; said that the main trouble he had with Morse was that he wanted to represent himself as the financial man, when he hadn't a cent; alleged that he had visited Miss Blackburn's room to talk with her on business at about 1 o'clock in the morning and found her and Mr. Morse lying together in bed. He denied emphatically that he struck Mr. Morse, and that he had any relations with him. He said he had refused to do this, and his object in visiting her that morning was to ask her to do as the witness requested. Mr. Morse's name was not mentioned. The witness had called on Miss Blackburn on several occasions.

The counsel for Miss Blackburn desired to cross-examine the witness as to the character of his client, which had been attacked, but the coroner decided that the only way in which the testimony could be rebutted was to recall Miss Blackburn. This was afterwards done, when the lady explained the difficulty over the money transaction she had with McGivney, but denied in a most emphatic manner the truth of the remainder of his testimony relating to her relations with Mr. Morse. Several other unimportant witnesses were examined. The inquest will be continued to-morrow.

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Sailors Protest Against an Unseaworthy Vessel.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.--Several seamen and firemen of the British steamer Pittameller, which arrived yesterday from Mediterranean ports, appeared before the British consular morning to protest against the vessel going to sea in the condition in which she made the passage from New Orleans to the Mediterranean and thence to Boston. The crew claims that she is in bad condition, her boilers are unsafe, and her rigging and sails in bad shape. On the way over these men say she carried away several sails on account of their rotten condition, and the fore tops were so rotted that they were unsafe to walk on, often breaking. The vessel's decks are said to be in bad shape, the water making into the forecastle in a shower. On the passage from Gibraltar they claim that the engines had to be stopped three or four times in every twenty-four hours, and that the firemen worked in hot water up to their knees most of the time. Capt. Lowe states that the complaint of the crew is entirely unfeeling. He thinks the sailors have been instigated in their action by boarding house keepers, with the hope that the men would be discharged, and that they would spend their money, which would have to be paid them, at this port. A survey will probably be ordered.

Theatrical License in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.--Samuel S. Nixon, of the firm Nixon & Zimmerman, lessee of the Chestnut street theater, was yesterday placed on trial on the charge of holding a theatrical exhibition and permitting a theatrical exhibition to be held without obtaining a state license as required under the act of assembly of 1845. Judge Hare, in charging the jury, said that under his view the act of 1845 was clearly in force. It was held that under the facts in this case a conviction could be sustained. To hold otherwise, he said, would be to say that every traveling show that visited the city for a day or two would be liable for the full license which is \$500. He thought that the resident manager should pay the tax for one year, which would cover all entertainments given in the place. The jury, which retired to deliberate yesterday afternoon, came into court this morning and announced that they could not agree upon a verdict and were discharged from further consideration of the case.

Utah Democrats Indignant.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 28.--Nothing could exceed the surprise and indignation with which the democrats of Utah received the news that John T. Caine had been assigned a place on the democratic congressional campaign committee. It is regarded by them as a false position throughout, as the true democrats of Utah, who have always kept up a party organization, regard with indignation and disgust Mr. Caine's political career and all its works, and utterly refuse to have any affiliation with him or them.

A Chicken-Theiving Recorder.

WEST HOBOKEN, N. J., Feb. 28.--A few weeks ago Recorder Hickok was detected while stealing a chicken from the grocery store of Thomas Hopkins here. The town committee ordered an investigation, at which other deacons testified against Hickok. He was asked to resign, but refused. The town committee has suspended him and ordered that no prisoners be taken before him. They have the right of appeal to the United States supreme court.

Private Claims.

The bill introduced in the senate yesterday by Mr. Wilson to provide for the judicial ascertainment of facts in private claims before congress and the executive departments provides that the United States courts of claims shall have jurisdiction to ascertain and report to congress the facts in all private claims for relief by special act of congress which have not been adjudicated upon their merits by some tribunal or commission created by congress. Provided that it will appear that the party bringing the claim has a legal and equitable demand against the United States, the court shall render judgment thereon, as under existing laws, and either party shall have the right of appeal to the United States supreme court.

Gen. Ord's Funeral.

The remains of Gen. Ord arrived at New York yesterday from Havana, Cuba, where he died last July of yellow fever. The body came in charge of Lieut. Ord, son of the general. It was the intention to fire a salute of twenty-one guns from Fort Columbus as the vessel passed, but owing to the fog she was not seen. An escort of regulars from Governor's island came alongside the City of New York, and the body was carried to the Pennsylvania railroad depot in Jersey City, where it remained until late at night, when it was conveyed to Washington by the express. The funeral cortege will, as heretofore, be held at 11 o'clock on Monday morning from the altissimo and Potomac railroad station to Oak Hill cemetery, where the interment will be had. The remains will not reach the depot, in the opinion of the railroad people, until 10:30 this morning.

Snipe Shooting.

Dr. Ball, of East Washington, who is a well known local sportsman, stated to a Republican reporter last night that the snipe shooting season will begin next week if the cold wave does not continue