

FIRE FIENDS ARRESTED.

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An Incendiary Gang Caught.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 1.—One of the most diabolical conspiracies ever concocted was brought to a focus tonight and culminated in the arrest of a gang of incendiaries who for over a year have made a regular business of setting fire to houses and stores in various parts of the city for the purpose of securing a portion of the insurance money. The scheme was unearched by the clever work of the Thiel detective agency whose men gained the confidence of the gang and nabbed them in the very act of applying a lighted match which was intended to destroy property. As long ago as Oct. 1 the insurance agents of St. Paul became convinced that many of the numerous fires here were of an incendiary origin. A meeting of the agents was held at which J. Quincy Haas of the Gorman Insurance company was appointed to take charge of the matter and detect the rascals if possible. Detectives were put on the case and finally secured the arrests.

Detective Floyd after having secured a confession from Morris Michael that he had started five fires on the west side, arranged with Michael to fire another house and share the insurance which he secured on it. At 8:15 tonight the department was called on and on their arrival found Michael under arrest charged with incendiarism. An uncle of Morris Michael was also arrested, his house having been burned and the insurance money divided recently. Three other members of the gang will be arrested later. Morris Michael told the detective he formerly lived in Chicago under another name and while there made lots of money by starting fires for a share of the insurance money.

Burned to a Crisp.

KOSCIUSKO, Miss., Dec. 1.—A horrible accident occurred yesterday three miles from this place, where there were three colored children burned alive. Their mother had left them in the cabin at her home and was in the field picking cotton when her attention was attracted by smoke and when she arrived at the house she found it in ashes and her children burned to a crisp.

A Parisian Fire.

PARIS, Dec. 1.—The Wilaux-Florin Textile works at Roubaix are on fire. The damage already amounts to 1,500,000 francs.

Another Philadelphia Failure.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—Judgments aggregating \$30,500 were entered today against Turland & Hoyt, dry goods dealers, 1620 Ridge avenue. These judgments are with one exception in favor of the merchandise creditors of the firm, all of whom, it is believed, are protected. The failure of Turland & Hoyt is an echo of the Spring Garden bank crash. Ephram Turland, the senior member of the firm, who is over 70 years of age, was a director of the bank. He appears to have been a victim of President Kennedy's operations to a large extent. The clearing house holds notes aggregating \$50,000, which, Turland says, President Kennedy induced him to sign as an accommodation. In addition to these notes for \$20,000, given by Turland in his operations with Kennedy, are outstanding. A lot of worthless mining stock is all the aged dry goods merchant has to show for his money.

The Frisco Road Robbery.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1.—Nothing is yet definitely known as to how much money was stolen on the Frisco road by train robbers last night. Manager Damsel of the Adams Express company was seen today and said that while he knew nothing definite as to the amount of money and valuables secured he was sure the amount exceeded \$20,000. At the Frisco office it was stated the amount was about \$75,000. Dispatches received from Mopette, Mo., stated that the conductor, engineer and fireman, in an interview confirm the account of the robbery sent in the dispatches. The robbers performed their work so effectively and covered their tracks so well there is not the slightest clue to identify them or their whereabouts.

Even Nobility Seeks Separation.

LEONORS, Dec. 1.—In the divorce decision of her majesty's high court of justice before Justice Butt, there was pronounced today a case which has excited much comment, particularly in the higher walks of English life. This case is the application of Countess Russell for judicial separation from her husband, Earl Russell, grandson of the great Lord John Russell, on the ground of cruelty. The countess was on the stand when the court adjourned for the day.

Arizona Notes.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 1.—The report sent out that the Apache Indians had killed Daniels and wounded Major Downing in Chiricahua mountains now turns out that the shooting was done by a man named Fay, who wore no apache. Arizona voted on the question of the new constitution today. Returns thus far received show that more than four-fifths of the votes are for the constitution, which will be adopted by 5,000 majority.

A NEW INDICTMENT.

County Attorney Baldwin Files New Information in the Penrose Murder Case

BUTTE, Dec. 1.—[Special to the TRIBUNE.] The case of Deoney, Hickey, and Kelley came up for hearing yesterday afternoon upon the request of the district attorney to file new information. After some legal sparring and exceptions being taken by the defense County Attorney Baldwin read the new information. There are a few changes in the phraseology from the old information, but it is materially the same except that where in the old one it is charged the murder was committed with a "revolving gun" in the new one it reads "with a certain gun or pistol (which of the said firearms and a more particular description thereof is to the said county attorney unknown.)"

When the reading was concluded Mr. Baldwin, addressing Mr. Campbell, asked whether he desired the men to plead or whether he would take the usual one.

Mr. Campbell—Saving all our rights in the exceptions taken to the several rulings of the court we will take 24 hours in which to plead. He then asked that the clerk be directed to furnish him with a certified copy of the information and in an order to that effect was made.

The court then said that he had been informed by counsel for the state that an application would be made for a change of venue. If it was the intention to make such an application he desired to state that it must be filed by 2 o'clock tomorrow.

The case had already been too long delayed by these preliminaries and if the petition was not filed at the time stated the cases would be set for trial at once. The court then adjourned.

After the adjournment Mr. Baldwin stated that the petition for a change of venue would certainly be filed, for the reason that three daily papers had published full reports of the preliminary hearing and that it was only a fair inference that all the men, who were competent to act as jurors, had read the proceedings and had formed an opinion or bias from reading them.

The People's Party Committee.

TOPEKA, Dec. 1.—The people's party central committee this morning gave to the public an address of 5,000 words. A large part of the address is taken up with the old time wail of distress but the announcement is boldly made that the people's party's intention is to organize as a political institution and use all legitimate means for its success. The committee reviews the election returns, claiming that the people's party polled 6,288 votes more than were cast for Willets and that the republicans polled 21,000 less than were cast for Humphrey. The action of the democrats has made the committee indignant and it is announced that fusion is out of the question.

In discussing the results of the recent industrial conventions at Toledo and Indianapolis the committee declares they were eminently satisfactory and particularly encouraging to the people's party. The farmers' alliance, knights of labor and other organizations are declared to be political though not partisan organizations. The claim that the people's party is composed of anarchists and obstructionists is answered by the charge that this is an insult to the rural population of Kansas, which controls the new party and composes its members.

Went Up in Smoke.

OWATONNA, Minn., Dec. 1.—The Hastings & Diment mill, one of the largest in this part of the state, together with 7,000 bushels of wheat, went up in smoke this morning. About 5 o'clock a smoke was seen issuing from the upper story of the mill and upon investigation by one of the employes it was discovered that refuse had caught fire from a hot box. An employe started to turn on the hose when suddenly there was an explosion and in a minute the whole building was ablaze. The fire was beyond control almost from the time of its discovery. Alarms were turned in, but owing to the inflammable nature of the building and to the high wind the firemen were helpless. Hastings places his loss at \$40,000, but little of the wheat can be saved. There is no insurance as the policy had run out and a new one had not been negotiated. The mill will be rebuilt at once.

Pugilistic.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—The Pacific Athletic club announced today it is conducting negotiations looking to a series of important glove contests to follow the Choynski Woods fight which takes place at the rooms of the club on the 17th inst. Among the matches which the club have under consideration was one between Jim Hall of Australia and Jimmie Carroll of Brooklyn. Negotiations have been going on for some weeks but the club received no assurances from the men until last night. A match is also proposed between Johnny Griffin of Boston and George Lavine of Michigan or George Vannest.

Fire in a Railroad Tunnel.

HELENA, Dec. 1.—A fire in the Iron Ridge tunnel of the Northern Pacific railroad company, five miles west of Helena, destroyed a small portion of the timber supports and communication on the main line across the Rocky mountains was cut off. The fire caught from a freight locomotive at 4 o'clock this morning. Local traffic will be kept up by transfer. Through trains for the next ten days will be run over the Butte branch. There was no delay whatever of the trains.

Sale of the Vipond Group.

BUTTE, Dec. 1.—The Vipond group of mines in this county, was sold yesterday to a Minneapolis syndicate, including Messrs. Wood, Blackwood, and Townsend. The sum of \$32,000 will be paid over to bond the deal, but the entire purchase price is not known.

Public Debt Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The public debt statement issued this afternoon shows that the net decrease and non-interest bearing debt during the month of November was \$2,570,139.50. Total cash in the treasury, \$748,566,750.16.

THE SPEAKERSHIP CONTEST.

The Crisp and Mills Following Working Together and are Quite Confident of Winning.

Equally as Favorable Advices Have Been Received by McMillan, Springer and Hatch.

The Work of an Infuriated Engineer—He Wrecks a Terrible Vengeance Upon Innocent People.

The Speakership Contest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—There was practically no change in the speakership contest during the afternoon. The headquarters of the various candidates generally had a crowd about them made up in a measure, however, of people who saw a prospect of some office other than an elective one. There is now at least one candidate for every fairly lucrative place under the control of the house. The list of members in the city at 6 o'clock showed 120 representatives here. A number of these have not committed themselves as yet. Many of those not in the city are also noncommittal, so it is estimated that the preferences of at least thirty members are unknown and Springer places this number of unknown at 100. At Crisp's headquarters this estimate was regarded as unreasonably high and it was said Crisp was steadily improving his position. The Crisp and Mills following both worked actively today and expressed themselves as encouraged. Their efforts were directed towards securing the withdrawal of some of the other candidates and while they were hopeful that their efforts would bear fruit nothing definite was accomplished, though the Mills adherents are very much encouraged and think they will make important gains before long. McMillan, Springer and Hatch said their advices were all favorable and each of their reports he has held his own and is content. Springer secured some additional lieutenants in the arrival of State Treasurer Wilson and party, and Congressman Bryan of Nebraska. Springer looked for a quorum of democratic members here within forty-eight hours and thought there would be some interesting developments before then. It is probable no speech making will be permitted in the caucus and that the nomination of candidates made in very few words will be followed by formal balloting. The Indiana delegation called a meeting this afternoon to consider Dalton's canvass for the speakership. Out of eight members in the city, however, only five attended the meeting which thereupon adjourned. The New Jersey delegation, it was said later in the day, had not determined to vote as a unit but Crisp's chances of a majority of its members were good.

Work of a Madman.

BERNE, Dec. 1.—A terrible accident happened today owing to the uncontrollable passion of an engineer employed on the railway line running between Aargau, a canton of Switzerland, and Waldshut, a town of Baden on the Rhine. He committed some infraction of the rules of the road and was dismissed from service. When informed of the action of his superiors the engineer became infuriated. Watching for a favorable opportunity he entered the cab of the locomotive and opening the throttle of the engine as wide as possible jumped from the cab and let the locomotive dash down the track at full speed just as a train loaded with passengers came rushing from the opposite direction on the same track. The runaway locomotive and locomotive of the passenger train plunged into each other with awful force, both engines being entirely wrecked and filling the track with a mass of debris. The engineer and fireman of the passenger train were caught in the wreck of the engines and were instantly killed, their bodies being frightfully crushed and mangled. Three passengers were fatally injured. The greatest excitement is caused by the disaster.

Jubilee Celebration.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1.—The jubilee celebration of Archbishop Kenrick was continued this morning by "the childrens concert" at Music hall, exposition building in which the children of the parochial schools of the city, numbering 1,000, participated. At 9 o'clock deputations of children could be seen marching along the streets from different parishes on their way to the Falls. On their arrival the following program was carried out: Golden Jubilee March, by Christian Brothers college band; English address and children's jubilee greeting, German address; Bohemian address and jubilee song; Polish address and jubilee song; address by students of the Christian Brothers college; address and jubilee ode by colored children; address of English orphans; address (pantomime) deaf mutes; Hal Columbia chorus in unison. At the conclusion of this program the Most Rev. Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia addressed the children and he was followed by Archbishop Kenrick who addressed and blessed them. The ceremony was concluded by the singing of the Te Deum by the German grand chorus.

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PENROSE MURDER CASE.

Petition of County Attorney Baldwin for Change of Venue.

BUTTE, Dec. 2.—The following is the petition of Attorney Baldwin for a change of venue in the Penrose murder case.

State of Montana vs. William E. Deoney, Eugene E. Kelly and Philip J. Hickey. Your petitioner, John T. Baldwin, county attorney of the county of Silver Bow, represents that whereas the above named defendants were arrested July 27, 1891, for the murder of one William J. Penrose, who was at the time of the murder the editor of a newspaper published in the said county of Silver Bow and had been a member of the legislature from said county and a prominent citizen thereof; and

Whereas the murder of said William J. Penrose produced a profound sensation in said county and the preliminary hearing of the charge against said defendants covered a period of about eight weeks, during which time the testimony was published very fully in all the papers of said county with comments and criticisms thereon;

And whereas, during the said hearing, by questions propounded to witnesses, it became evident that the members of a number of organizations existing in said county were exhibiting great interest in said cause;

And whereas, during said preliminary hearing the same was attended by a large proportion of the male citizens of said county, who heard the evidence and argument of counsel and the merits of the case, and who formed and expressed opinions thereon;

And whereas, the defendants are prominent and influential citizens of said county, having a very extensive acquaintance therein, they have an undue influence over the minds of the inhabitants of the said county of Silver Bow, wherein said action is pending;

Wherefore your petitioner, the said county attorney of the said county of Silver Bow, has reason to believe and does believe that the state of Montana cannot obtain and will not receive a fair and impartial trial of said cause in the said county of Silver Bow, and also that it is impossible in the opinion of your petitioner to obtain a jury in the said county of Silver Bow who have not formed an opinion as to guilt or innocence of said defendants, which would disqualify them as jurors.

Therefore, your petitioner as said county attorney aforesaid, respectfully prays and moves the honorable court to make an order changing the place of trial and venue of said cause to some judicial district and county of the state of Montana, in which the causes and reasons hereinbefore set forth do not exist.

JOHN T. BALDWIN, County Attorney. Attached to the petition is a notice to counsel for defendants that the motion will be heard on Dec. 19, 1891, and said motion, with the records of said court in said cause, and affidavits to be hereafter filed.

Mr. Campbell said that, reserving all rights, he excepted to the sufficiency of the notice of the motion and asked that the exception be argued at the same time as the motion for the change.

The Revolution in China.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The Hong Kong Swyn Ye Ho of September 22d said: "Revolutionists are numbered at 30,000,000 able bodied men. It is said no part of the imperial army at present upon the field is capable of meeting this emergency. It is rumored in Chinese circles in New York that an official telegraph dispatch has just reached the Chinese consulate on West Ninth street, New York, said to be from the minister at Washington, giving an account of a preliminary skirmish recently at the port of Shanghai between two Italian gun boats and the navy of the Chinese in which the two former were sunk in deep water. The dispatch it is further rumored states that the powers sent the two Italian men-of-war aforesaid out on a trial battle or test with the Chinese government, and that newspaper correspondents there were warned not to telegraph the exact truth of the situation for fear of injuring the cause of Europeans in China. Wong Cea Soong, the former popular consul of the ports of San Francisco and New York, was recently made general commander of the Chinese navy. It is now in active service under Viceroy Li Hung Chang. This latter news has created a furor among the New York Chinese friends of the former consul, and they all hope that he will be successful in his new position of honor.

Chili Will Not Apologize.

VALPARAISO, Dec. 1.—The International Telegram correspondent has been informed on the authority of an official, holding a high place in Santiago, that the Chilean government has no intention whatever of offering an apology or indemnity such as the American president requested, and that the expectation that President Montt would in this respect modify the policy adopted by the junta, is misleading. The president himself, it is said, was the most earnest advocate in the junta of a defiant retort to the United States, and virtually dictated the answer sent to Minister Egan. Montt has not changed his views since becoming president and Chili is silent now because there is nothing to be said. Meantime, although Montt has recommended the cutting down of the army and navy, no steps have been taken to carry out the recommendation, and even the volunteers sent back to their homes in the north were told to retain their arms.

A Novel Exhibition.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—The proposition for novel exhibit at the world's fair will soon be made to the officials on behalf of a band of half-breed Cree Indians, who live on the line of the Canadian Pacific railroad between Lotellier and St. Norbert. The Indians are more civilized than the average redskins but they retain their old customs and are famous horsemen and hunters. The proposition is that 100 of them will come to the world's fair, traveling the entire distance on their horses and bringing with them all their camp equipments, tents, etc., and at the fair lay out primitive Indian villages and there give exhibitions of Indian dances and horsemanship and, in fact, live and act just as they do in their own homes and camps. Daniel McDonald, a pioneer of Winnipeg, offers to exhibit one each of all the animals found in British America.

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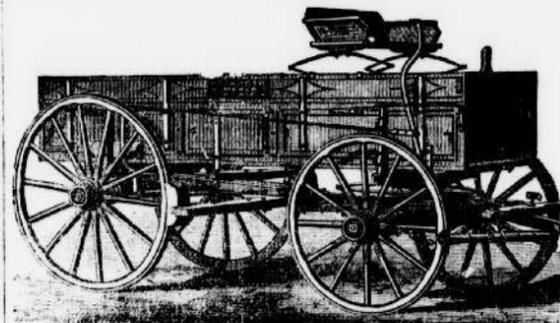
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