

WAS IT ONLY A FAKE?

Conflicting Reports About the North Carolina Lynching.

ALL COMMUNICATION CUT OFF.

Nearly Three Feet of Snow in That Section of the Country, Making It Almost Impossible to Get Accurate News of the Affair—One Report Pronounces It Only a Canard.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., Jan. 6.—Efforts to reopen communication with Bakersville, N. C., have thus far been unavailing. Reports from Cranberry, N. C., the nearest railroad station, confirm the statement that the snow in that section of the county is deeper than has been known in years. It has been snowing constantly for five days and, as yet, has not stopped. The snow is now from twenty-nine to thirty-four inches deep, and many houses have fallen in, and several miners have received slight injuries. The old citizens say that this snow equals the one of '68, when so many lost their lives.

On account of this deep snow it is almost impossible to get trustworthy information from Bakersville concerning Tuesday night's lynching riot. Parties from Cranberry coming in on morning trains say that the whole neighborhood is terribly excited over the dreadful affair and that Snipes, the murderer of Osborn, was surely lynched and that twenty-two men were killed in the attempt. Several others are said to have been fatally injured. The mob is said to be now searching the country for Aaron Wiseman, who was also implicated in the murder of Osborn, but was acquitted on the ground of insufficient evidence. A report is also current that an attempt will be made to lynch the Whitson brothers, who are closely guarded in jail and under sentence to be hanged on the 17th of this month for the murder of Kit Bryd several years ago.

Only a Fake Story.

CHATTANOOGA, Jan. 6.—A special from Bakersville says that the story of the horrible killing of sixty people, as was reported in yesterday's papers, is a fake of the first water. No such occurrence has taken place, and the people of that locality are at a loss to understand why the story was told.

Not Surprised at the Warfare.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Commissioner Mason, of the revenue bureau, expresses no surprise at the open warfare between the local authorities and the moonshiners which resulted so fatally at Bakersville, N. C. The mountain fastnesses of North Carolina and Tennessee, he says, are honey-combed with small stills, the owners of which annually cheat the government of large sums of money. They contend that they have a right to sell their liquors made from their own produce without government interference and are quick to resent government inspection. The whole section is in almost deadly opposition to authority in any form.

SENATORS SELECTED.

The Contest in Michigan Decided in a Republican Caucus.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 6.—When the question of the senatorship came to a final test last night at the Republican caucus, the Stockbridge men showed their strength at once with a clear majority. The opposition broke at once and made the renomination of Senator Stockbridge unanimous.

When the caucus convened last night but one ballot was taken. The result was: Stockbridge, 46; Luce, 21; Hubbell, 10; Hartsuff, 8; G. Cransdell, 2; O. L. Spaulding, 2; J. C. Fitzgerald, 1; B. M. Cutcheon, 1; James O'Donnell, 1. Then followed the motion to make the nomination unanimous, which was carried.

Senator Davis Renominated.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 6.—The Republicans in caucus at the state capital unanimously renominated Cushman Davis for United States senator. The Democrats will nominate Thomas Wilson, of Winona. The Populists are badly demoralized over the desertion of some of their number, and will probably make no nomination.

Henry Cabot Lodge for Senator.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—The Republicans of the legislature in joint caucus yesterday afternoon nominated Congressman Henry Cabot Lodge for senator to succeed Henry L. Dawes. He received 147 votes to 80 for William R. Crapo and 9 scattering.

Senator Bate to Succeed Himself.

CHATTANOOGA, Jan. 6.—Senator W. B. Bate was nominated by the Democratic legislative caucus at Nashville last night to succeed himself. This assures his election.

Governor Russell Inaugurated.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—William E. Russell was inaugurated governor of Massachusetts yesterday. The governor held a reception in the afternoon, and a large number of distinguished men presented their congratulations to his excellency.

Hotel and Barn Burned.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 6.—Train men report the burning last night at Manilla, in Rush county, of a large, new hotel and a livery stable, owned by Mr. Mull. The loss is placed at several thousand dollars.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Several Big Firms in Pittsburg Burned Out—Other Firms Loses.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 6.—Fire which started from unknown cause at 10:45 o'clock last night in the cigar factory owned by Collins & Kitzmaker, in the rear of P. Duff & Sons, 933 Pennsylvania avenue, completely destroyed that plant and contents. P. Duff & Sons, wholesale grocers and commission merchants, six-story building fronting on Pennsylvania avenue, and Cavitt & Pollock, 935 Pennsylvania avenue, also a six-story building, manufacturers and jobbers in queensware and dealers in fine lamps and chandeliers, were also completely gutted.

In the Duff building were the general offices of Booth & Flinn, contractors, and A. M. McAfee's office.

Collins & Kitzmaker lose 4,000,000 finished cigars valued at \$15 per 1,000, and \$50,000 on machinery and stock, fully insured; P. Duff & Sons lose on building \$55,000; on stock \$100,000; fully insured. Cavitt & Pollock's loss on stock \$75,000; insured for about \$60,000. The building is owned by the heirs of Dr. McIntosh and was valued at \$60,000; insurance \$40,000.

Three-Story Building Gutted.

DETROIT, Jan. 6.—Fire yesterday gutted the three-story brick building on the corner of Orchard and First streets, occupied by the Excelsior picture frame factory and the drug store of J. E. O'Brien. The losses aggregate \$30,000.

Cotton Destroyed.

ANDERSON, S. C., Jan. 6.—About 4,000 bales of cotton on the Richmond and Danville railroad cotton platform, were burned here last night. Loss about \$10,000; insured.

Big Fire in Denver.

DENVER, Jan. 6.—The Halleck & Howard building, Seventeenth and Market streets, is burning. The loss will be \$250,000.

IT WAS A REAL TRAGEDY.

An Accident on an Amateur Stage Results in Death.

ELGIN, Ill., Jan. 6.—Mahlon Jones, the young man who was accidentally stabbed by Rosa Schultz during an amateur performance in Hampshire, the evening of Dec. 16, died Thursday. The immediate cause of his death was the bursting of a blood vessel in the lungs. The accident which caused Jones' death was a peculiar one. Miss Schultz, who enacted part of the heroine in the play, had a real dagger, which, during rehearsals, had been encased in a tin sheath to prevent its doing injury. During the public presentation of the play she was so carried away with her part that she failed to notice that the sheath had in some way been removed.

Jones told her at the commencement of the scene to strike hard and make it as realistic as possible. This she did, driving the blade deep into his lung between the second and third ribs, narrowly escaping the heart. Both Miss Schultz and the victim of the accident were teachers in the Hampshire schools. Miss Schultz is prostrated with grief over the event.

BITTEN BY A MAD DOG.

A Little Girl Receives Injuries Which Result Fatally.

BIRDSEYE, Ind., Jan. 6.—Three-year-old Ella Zaring was bitten by a mad dog near here last Wednesday morning a week ago. The mother was milking her cow, the child standing by, when the dog ran upon her and bit her on the right cheek and right temple. The little sufferer was immediately taken to Milltown, Crawford county, where a madstone was applied. This stuck firmly to the wounds several minutes before it fell and was boiled in milk to extract the poison.

The operation was repeated, with equal result, but the third application seemed to have little effect on the stone, and the poison was supposed to have been all absorbed. Day before yesterday the child's head began to swell and is now twice its natural size, and the little one is beyond the point of taking nourishment. Fears are entertained of the worst results. Many animals are supposed to have been bitten. The dog was not killed.

Narrow Escape from Drowning.

BELLAIRE, O., Jan. 6.—Captain Charles Menges and Chief Engineer Charles Martin, of the towboat Enterprise, tied up at the Belmont coal works, narrowly escaped drowning while the ice gorge was passing. They were working on the wheel when the engine started and Menges fell inside of the wheel. Martin stood on the paddles and they were whirled around at terrific speed and received several painful bruises before the wheel was stopped. No bones were broken.

Poisoned and Robbed.

TIFFIN, O., Jan. 6.—George Green, aged about thirty years, a farmer of Eden township, was mysteriously poisoned in this city yesterday by unknown persons and robbed of a large sum of money. He is unconscious and has been for twelve hours, and shows the symptoms of both arsenic and morphine.

Peculiar Accident.

MARYSVILLE, O., Jan. 6.—John Longbrake, a farmer living near this place, met with a very painful accident while butchering. He was carrying a bucket of scalding water, when he tripped, throwing the water on his right arm, causing the flesh to peel off between the elbow and wrist.

Fell Over a Twenty-Foot Ledge.

PORTSMOUTH, O., Jan. 6.—Ed Auckerman slipped on the ice and went over a twenty-foot ledge of rocks. He struck on his head and was fatally injured.

HARD TO BELIEVE.

Outrages Perpetrated by Russian Priests.

STUNDISTS ARE THE VICTIMS.

Imprisonment, Banishment, Beatings, Fines and Many Outrages Heaped Upon the Wretched People in the Name of Religion—Woman and Children Not Even Spared.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Moscow correspondent of The Daily Chronicle describes at length the unsparring persecution of the Stundists in Keiff. Similar persecutions, he says, have been carried on in the province of Wosteri and southern Russia since 1875. Imprisonment, banishment, beatings, fines and outrages, that he would have considered incredible unless he had personally verified each case, have been the lot of the wretched people. In one village in the Kaisersteintz district the governor had arrived early in September for the purpose of inquiring into the state of religion. In this inquiry he was assisted by local priests.

Eventually the officials compelled the Stundists to abandon their own lands and shops and to work in the communal lands during the day and to do sentry duty in the village at night, so that they were hardly able to visit their homes at all. Recently every woman with nursing infants were compelled to assist in communal field work. The orthodox peasants superintended the others and inflicted with impunity all sorts of brutality on the Stundists whenever the latter lagged in the fields or fell asleep when on duty.

Although eventually menaced by mobs the Stundists still refused to embrace the orthodox religion. To make an example, the village elder then one night summoned police and peasantry to his aid and took possession of a hut whose Stundist owner was absent on sentry duty. The hut was fumigated with a noxious weed so that the sleeping children were almost suffocated. As the mother still refused to abjure her faith, she was stripped naked and subjected to frightful indignities.

The party visited other houses where similar scenes were enacted unless the intended victims had received warning and escaped to the open steppes. In one case an elder and a coachman violated a woman in the absence of her husband. They dragged her about the floor until she became unconscious, and afterward restored her to consciousness by one sitting on her breast and another puffing smoke from a noxious weed into her mouth.

The visits and the same horrible scenes were nightly occurrences until all the Stundists were driven to seek refuge in the steppes. If husbands protested against the outrages committed on their wives they were unmercifully beaten. Appeals to the law had no effect beyond securing a reduction of the number of hours of communal work and sentry duty. When the men engaged in the horrible work complained that they had exhausted the noxious weed they were informed that a fresh supply would be sent. All are still enjoying freedom and continue the atrocities.

MAN BLOWN TO ATOMS.

While Preparing to Shoot a Gas Well a Terrific Explosion Takes Place.

KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. 6.—C. M. Johnson, an employe of the Hercules Torpedo company, of Lima, O., was blown to atoms near this city yesterday while making preparations to "shoot" a gas well. He left this city about 9 o'clock and drove to the company's magazine, about two miles south of the city, for a supply of nitro-glycerine, with which he was going to operate on a well on the Batey farm near by.

Farmers in the vicinity of the magazine heard a loud report about 10 o'clock and hurried to the spot. The body was torn in small fragments, and the building in which the explosive were kept was reduced to splinters. Johnson was twenty-four years of age and was well known among the gas men of the belt, he having been engaged in his dangerous business in this vicinity for the past two or three years.

HORSE THIEF AND MURDERER.

A Sheriff Assassinated and a Lynching Almost Sure to Follow.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., Jan. 6.—Several months ago an unknown man stole a horse from Mr. Charles Baker, in Carter county, Tenn. The thief was traced to Lenoir, N. C., and identified as Lewis Carter. Deputy Sheriff Miller, of Caldwell, went in pursuit and overtook him about five miles from Lenoir. The thief made for the woods. Miller followed. Carter got behind a tree and as Miller passed opened fire on him with a revolver, killing him almost instantly. Carter was captured at Limestone, Tenn., Tuesday evening and taken to the county jail at Lenoir, N. C. It is doubtful if he will ever live to be tried for his crime.

sent a Letter Around the World.

BRAZIL, Ind., Jan. 6.—Last April Morton Decker, of this city, started a letter in an immense envelope around the world, to be forwarded from point to point by whoever would take an interest in the matter. This morning the letter reached here, having made a complete trip around the earth. It had fallen chiefly in the hands of ministers and missionaries, each of whom wrote a paragraph relative to the coming world's fair. The envelope was fairly covered with stamps of all nations and well wishes for the fair, written in all languages.

DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

A Horrible Murder and Attempted Suicide Over a Watch.

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—A horrible murder and attempted suicide occurred yesterday afternoon. William H. Shattuck, twenty-two years old, shot his wife, nineteen years old, three times in the head, killing her instantly. He then shot himself in the temple, but is alive and will probably live. The couple have only been married about three months.

It appears that the couple have not lived happily together lately, owing principally to the wife learning that her husband had purchased a watch and given it to another woman before the marriage. This watch has been a subject of many heated arguments between Shattuck, his wife and her mother, and was, apparently, directly the cause of the shooting yesterday. After dinner Mrs. Radley, Mrs. Shattuck's mother, with whom the couple lived, reproached Shattuck with lying about the watch and demanded that he tell the truth about it. The story he told differed from the previous one and Mrs. Radley told him so.

In the meantime Shattuck's wife found a receipt for the watch in his overcoat pocket. This angered him, and he went into the front parlor. Mrs. Shattuck went in there shortly afterward to get her hat and jacket as she was going out shopping with her mother. As she stood by the chair on which her jacket was hanging her husband, with a 32-caliber revolver, shot her three times before she could turn around. The wounds were ghastly, and the young girl fell dead.

After her husband shot himself in the temple, George Radley, a younger brother of the murdered woman, succeeded in getting the pistol away from him. Shattuck started to go back to the sitting room, where Mrs. Radley was, but fell to the floor within six feet of his wife. Shortly afterward he was removed to the city hospital. At the hospital Shattuck said the shooting of himself was accidental.

HE IS INNOCENT.

A Michigan Man Serving a Life Sentence for the Acts of Another.

DETROIT, Jan. 6.—There has never been a case in Detroit that exemplified more clearly the dangers of convicting a man upon circumstantial evidence than that of George Bozenberger, who was found guilty about six weeks ago in the recorder's court of murder in the first degree for the killing of William Knack.

Affidavits in support of a motion for a new trial were filed yesterday by attorney for defendant, from which it appears that Bozenberger is innocent and that Otto Schulthers is guilty. Young Schulthers, who is a nephew of Bozenberger, yesterday confessed to having committed the murder for which his uncle is now serving a life sentence. Bozenberger will probably be cleared.

For Suffering Russians.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—A final meeting of the citizens' Russian famine relief committee has been held. The meeting was for the purpose of making disposition of about \$15,000, which remained as a balance after the shipment of the two cargoes of food to the famished subjects of the czar. It was decided that money should be divided among the sufferers of the famine of last year in such manner as Minister to Russia White may direct. Until a reply to a recent communication to Mr. White is received, no definite action in regard to the distribution of the money will be taken.

French Astronomer Dead.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—Amande Victor Guillemine is dead. He was born on July 5, 1826, in Pierre, France, and was educated in Paris. In 1860 he founded a "democratic journal called La Savoie, in Chambey. Subsequently he devoted himself mostly to scientific study. He wrote voluminously on astronomical subjects. Among his works are "The Moon," "The Sun," "The Comet" and "Elements of Cosmography." He wrote also for several magazines on economic subjects.

Niagara's Ice Bridge.

NIAGARA, Ont., Jan. 6.—For the first time in seven years the Niagara river at this point is blocked with ice. A path has been marked from Niagara to Youngstown, N. Y., and many persons are crossing on the ice. The block extends to Queenstown Heights, the ice is piled high above the wharves, and it is feared that when it goes out much damage will be done. This is the earliest in the season that there has been an ice bridge here.

Wolves Attack an Indian Village.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 6.—A story comes from the north to the effect that a pack of wolves, driven by the intense cold and deep snow from the woods to seek food, attacked an Indian village near the east shore of Lake Winnipeg, and several Indians, while attempting to drive them off, were terribly bitten by the ferocious animals. A squaw and a child were also horribly lacerated and not expected to live.

Postoffice Robbers Sentenced.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 6.—The Cook-Hall gang of postoffice robbers, recently convicted here of robbing postoffices in northern and western Pennsylvania, were sentenced yesterday by Judge Bufington, of the United States court. Hall, who turned state's evidence, got six years in the penitentiary and \$100 fine; Coleman, fifteen years and \$500; and Hughes, twelve years and \$400 fine.

Blaine's Condition Unchanged.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—At 2 o'clock this morning the lights in the Blaine house were turned low and everything was quiet about the premises. Mr. Blaine was reported resting easily with his condition unchanged.

ANTI-OPTION BILL.

It Occupies the Entire Time of the Senate.

NO VOTE TAKEN ON THE BILL.

It Goes Over Until Monday and Bills Relating to Quarantine and Immigration Will Occupy the Senate the Rest of the Week—The Fortification Appropriation Bill Passes the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The feature of yesterday's session of the senate was the speech of Mr. Vilas, Democrat, of Wisconsin, against the anti-option bill. For nearly three hours he held the undivided attention of the supporters and opponents of the measure while he stated, in a prepared argument, delivered with great earnestness and impressiveness, the constitutional objections which, in his opinion, precluded the possibility of its passage by the senate. He denounced it as a flagrant advance to centralization, and as involving the characteristics of the most odious paternalism.

There was a colloquy between him and Mr. Washburn, Republican, of Minnesota, who has charge of the bill, in the course of which the question was put to Mr. Washburn as to whether he would accept an amendment that would confine the operation of the measure to operations that were absolutely gambling, and in which there was to be no delivery, but the Minnesota senator, hesitatingly declined to answer the question affirmatively, remarking that he did not believe that any such restriction would be effective.

The bill went over till Monday next, today and Saturday having been set apart for the consideration of two bills in relation to quarantine and immigration.

Fortification Bill Passes the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The second general appropriation bill to pass the house this season was the fortification appropriation bill and it went through yesterday without amendment, on the slightest debate. Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, had it in charge, and he steered the craft into port without meeting with any adverse wind. A few private pension bills were passed and the house adjourned without a quorum.

THE BOHEMIA'S STORY.

That Vessel Was Not Cut Loose from the Disabled Umbria.

HAMBURG, Jan. 6.—Upon the arrival here yesterday of the Hamburg-American steamer Bohemia interviews were had with several persons aboard of her in regard to her attempt to tow the disabled Cunard liner Umbria and to the report that the towing hawser had been cut on board the Bohemia.

Everybody aboard the steamer emphatically denied that the hawser was cut. They say that the weather was fairly calm when the steel hawser and several other lines from the Bohemia were made fast on board the Umbria. The Bohemia then forged ahead with the Cunard liner in tow, but in the evening a violent storm set in. Both vessels pitched heavily, and the strain upon the towing lines was tremendous.

At 10 o'clock at night it was snowing heavily and at that hour the starboard line and the port hawser parted. The breaks were not close on board, but a considerable distance from the Bohemia. Many feet of the hawser was left trailing astern when the break occurred, and this fact effectually disproves the statement that the hawser was cut on board the Bohemia.

When the lines parted the Bohemia stopped and signalled repeatedly to the Umbria but no answer was received. When daylight broke the sea was closely scanned for the Umbria, but no sign of her could be seen. The Bohemia, therefore, proceeded on her voyage. The crew of the Bohemia knew that if they succeeded in taking the Umbria into Halifax they would receive a share of the salvage money, and they were enthusiastic at the prospect. When the lines broke they were greatly disappointed, as their hope of reward disappeared.

According to those interviewed the commander of the Bohemia would have been only too glad to have towed the Umbria into the port, and had his lines not broken he certainly would have done so. The breaking of the lines was due to the great strain upon them, and not to their having been cut on the Bohemia, and any statement to the contrary is not based upon knowledge of the facts.

Fish Firm Embarrassed.

HURON, O., Jan. 6.—It was announced here yesterday that Wickham & Company, the largest dealers in fresh and frozen fish in the country, had given mortgages to creditors for \$150,000, no assignment being made. Endorsements and a light catch of fish during the fall season was the immediate cause. It is rumored that several other large firms are heavily involved.

Shot While Hunting.

BRAZIL, Ind., Jan. 6.—About noon yesterday Harry Gooden, eighteen years old, son of John Gooden, a prominent contractor, was accidentally shot while hunting with a party of friends. In his haste to shoot a rabbit one of the party accidentally discharged his shotgun, the charge entering Gooden's abdomen, producing a wound that may result fatally.

ENGLISH, Ind., Jan. 6.—Thomas Hanger, twenty years old, was killed by a wagon loaded with lumber, near Pilot Knob yesterday. He ran ahead of the team, tripped and fell, and before he recovered himself the wagon was pulled over him by the horses.