

## A HOLE LEFT

Where the Empire Nitro-Glycerin Co.'s Magazine Stood.

Several Hundred Quarts of the Deadly Fluid Explodes.

The Building and Two Men Were Blown to Atoms—The Shock Felt in Towns Fifty Miles Away—Many Windows and Chimneys Were Shattered.

PORTLAND, Ind., Dec. 23.—A terrific explosion at 7:15 Wednesday morning shook every town within a radius of 50 miles.

It was at the Empire Glycerin company's magazine, near Montpelier, which contained several hundred quarts of nitroglycerin. Harry Woods and George Hiseck were at the magazine at the time and both were blown to atoms.

Little remains but a great hole in the ground where the building stood. Advice from towns all over this part of the state tell of the shock being felt. In the closer ones windows were broken and chimneys knocked down.

CENTREVILLE, Ind., Dec. 23.—Two distinct earth vibrations at 7:30 Wednesday morning were perceptible for several seconds.

WINCHESTER, Ind., Dec. 23.—A heavy shock was felt here Wednesday morning from the Montpelier explosion. Houses trembled and dishes rattled. There was much excitement.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 23.—Many here thought that a gas explosion occurred Wednesday morning. Doors swung open and windows and dishes rattled. Reports from the country were of the earthquake order. Later, news of the Montpelier explosion was received.

ELWOOD, Ind., Dec. 23.—Elwood citizens were startled early Wednesday morning by a shock which shook the houses to their foundations and made windows rattle. Many thought it an earthquake, but the disturbance was later learned to have been caused by the explosion, near Montpelier, 32 miles distant.

GENEVA, Ind., Dec. 23.—The shock of the big explosion near Montpelier, 20 miles east, was plainly felt here, breaking windows and rattling furniture and crockery.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—News received here states that the shock of the Montpelier nitro-glycerin explosion was plainly felt in Peru, Albany and 50 gas-belt towns. In Montpelier there is scarcely a house in which glassware was not broken. A team of horses near the magazine was killed.

Congressman-Elect Callahan Ill. CUTHBERT, Okla., Dec. 23.—Congressman-elect J. Y. Callahan is dangerously ill at his home in Kingfisher, and is not expected to live. His death may occur at any moment. He has been ill for a week.

## WEST SUPERIOR BANK

Forced to Close Its Doors on Account of the Failure of the Bank of Minnesota. WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 23.—The bank of West Superior did not open its doors for business Wednesday morning, being forced into liquidation by the failure of the Bank of Minnesota. The officials of the bank say they will resume soon and pay all depositors in full. The November statement showed deposits, \$79,000; loans and discounts, \$106,971 and real estate assets of \$43,000. The bank's capital was \$70,000 and surplus \$50,000. The cash on hand was \$25,000 and all but \$2,000 of this was tied up in outside failures. The city of Superior and board of education have nearly \$14,000 in the bank, about half of which was deposited within the last few days.

Street Car Men Threaten to Strike. BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The conductors and motormen of the West End Street Railway Co. voted at midnight until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, by Australian ballot system, on a proposition to give President Little, of the West End road, six hours notice that if an agreement for 1897 is not signed, there will be a general tie-up of the road.

It was learned later that the vote of the conductors and motormen resulted by an overwhelming majority in the adoption of the proposition to tie up the road Thursday morning at 5 o'clock, unless President Little recedes from his position and signs the agreement.

An Earl's Residence Gunned by Fire. LONDON, December 23.—Earl Russell's residence at Maidenhead-on-the-Thames, was gutted by fire early Wednesday morning. It is rumored that the fire was of incendiary origin. Since the trial of the earl's suit against his mother-in-law, Lady Selina Scott, and three male defendants, one of whom, Kast, died recently in jail, his lordship has been the recipient of several threatening letters.

Engagement Near San Redondo. HAYANA, Dec. 23.—Col. Pavia reports having had an engagement with a party of rebels encamped at San Redondo, in the vicinity of Holquin village, killing 21 insurgents and capturing and destroying their camp. The troops lost one lieutenant and four privates killed and a major and a captain and nine privates were wounded.

Miss Willard Quite Ill. CASTLE, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Miss Frances Willard, president of the World and National Women's Christian Temperance union, who is at the sanitarium here, has suffered a relapse and is quite ill. Her physician has canceled all her engagements, and she will remain here for some months.

Private Allen Gets Ten Years. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Private James D. Allen, convicted of killing of Daniel M. Call last March, at Ft. Sheridan, was Wednesday morning denied a new trial in Judge Grosscup's court and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

## MOB LAW.

Armed Men Guarding the Town of Mayfield, Ky.

A Band of Colored Men Preparing to Attack the Place.

The Courthouse Used as Headquarters—Fleeing Negroes Pursued by the Lynchers of Jim Stone—One White Man Mortally Wounded.

PADUCAH, Ky., Dec. 23.—Mayfield, where Jim Stone, who assaulted Mrs. Green, was lynched and filled with pistol shots, was lit up by incendiary fires Monday night. Tuesday Charles Bolin, 27 years old, white, lay at home with a revolver wound in the neck, while a dozen Negroes are fleeing beyond the reach of mob law and the blackened ruins mark former location of blind tigers and low dives. Two dive keepers were wounded and one may die. The lynchers, having satisfied their vengeance on the body of Stone, started Monday night to weed out the notorious blacks.

An assault was made on a resort run by Tom Chambers. The owner opened fire and repulsed the attacking party. Bolin was dangerously and others were slightly injured. A second attempt to storm the house was successful. Chambers escaped, but the building, with a wholesale beer house, which operated in violation of the local option law, and other buildings, tenanted by rough Negroes, were fired and destroyed.

The mob then began pursuit. The Negroes fled in every direction. One man was captured and severely whipped.

Tuesday Mayfield was filled with armed and excited men. Trouble is expected at any time. The courthouse is used as headquarters. Posses are in hot pursuit of the Negroes, and more lynchings are expected.

PADUCAH, Ky., Dec. 23.—Mayfield is in a fever of excitement. At 8:15 a telephone message was received from Mr. Barnes, of the firm of Stokes & Barnes, of Water Valley, that the conductor of the south-bound train had reported that 175 Negroes were congregated at Clay Switch, a short distance from Mayfield, preparing to march on the town.

No sooner had this message been received than there were several messages by telephone and telegraph to the same purpose. Some one rang the riot bell, and the entire male population of the town thronged to the court house armed with Winchester, shotguns and pistols. The most intense excitement prevailed. Some one fired a shot near the court house, and there was immediately a rush for that quarter.

Fulton telephoned that 500 men were in readiness to start to the assistance of Mayfield. A train had been secured and given a clear track. Water Valley and Wingo also telephoned that every available white man was ready at a moment's notice to come.

MAYFIELD, Ky., Dec. 23.—A mob of about 200 men armed with Winchesters met a large body of white men from Fulton at 12:30. No trouble has occurred yet. The guards around the city remained on duty throughout the night. Guns have been ordered from Paducah to be here at 2:30 o'clock.

MAYFIELD, Ky., Dec. 23.—Will Suet, a Negro, aged 18 years, was shot and killed early Wednesday morning near the railway depot. A number of guards were watching the incoming train for Negro refugees. Three Negroes alighted, and when ordered to halt they refused. One of the deputies opened fire and Suet fell, riddled with bullets. The killing of Suet has aroused the Negroes to madness and they swear to wipe out the town Wednesday night. Wednesday morning the town council held an emergency meeting. All women and children were ordered to remain off the streets after 6 o'clock Wednesday night.

Hundreds of farmers came to Mayfield Wednesday afternoon and are being armed to assist in saving the town if hostilities commence. Mayfield's mortality record this week is a bloody one. Sunday Henry Finley, a negro thief, was shot to death by masked men. Monday Jim Stone was lynched for criminal assault, and Tuesday the race war broke out, in which four houses were burned and four men wounded. At 3 o'clock Wednesday morning the citizens held a mass meeting and organized into companies for mutual defense against the negroes.

## FIRE UPON.

Seven of a Band of Men Carrying a Republican Flag Killed by Gendarmes.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—A small band of men carrying a republican flag assembled Tuesday at Novelda, province of Alicante, and when called upon to disperse by the gendarmes, refused to do so. They were again ordered to disperse, and upon their second refusal the gendarmes fired upon them, killing seven of them. The others then fled, but the gendarmes pursued and captured several of them. A search was made of the lodgings of the prisoners and a number of dynamite bombs were found. The police are at a loss to decide whether the assemblage of the men was for the purpose of making a demonstration of sympathy for the anarchists sentenced Saturday or not.

Passenger Train Robbed. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 23.—Passenger train No. 37 from Atlanta on the Southern was wrecked at McComb's trestle, 15 miles from Birmingham, by train robbers. Sheriff with posse and dogs has gone to the scene. Wreck bad. Casualties as yet unknown.

## AMNESTY GRANTED

To Two Thousand Armenian Prisoners by the Sultan—Death Sentences Also Commuted.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Constantinople to the Central News says that the sultan has issued a decree granting amnesty to 2,000 Armenians who have been convicted of crimes against the government or against persons or property, or who were awaiting trial on such charges. In addition his majesty commutes the death sentence passed on 90 Armenians to imprisonment in a fortress and promises that these prisoners will be given their liberty if they behave themselves for three months. This clemency is due to the intervention of Mr. Ormanian, the new Armenian patriarch, who recently requested the sultan to show mercy to the many Armenian prisoners. The sultan then consented to grant a general amnesty on condition that the patriarchal mixed council guarantee the future good behavior of the Armenians affected by his act of clemency.

The paper orders that the granting of amnesty to upward of 2,000 convicted and imprisoned Armenians has created a good impression. Two of those who were condemned to death who will profit by the amnesty are Armenian bishops, but they will be interned in the Armenian monastery at Jerusalem.

## FOR MILITIAMEN.

Requisitions That Are Being Made on the United States.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 23.—In the office of Adj. Gen. Axline is shown a novel military contrivance. It is technically known as a meat can, oval in form and about nine inches long. The diameter is about an inch and a half. The two sides may be taken apart by the removal of an iron clamp, which is fastened to one of them, and being hinged to it forms the handle of a first-class frying pan. A steak may be placed in one of these cans and the cans placed in a haversack.

Gen. Axline has made a requisition on the federal government for 6,000 of these, which will at once be distributed to the Ohio troops. Other supplies which will be received and distributed at the same time are: 100,000 rounds of 45-caliber ball cartridges, 2,600 blanket bags or knapsacks with fittings, 1,000 haversacks, 2,500 canteens, 500 cartridge boxes, 500 waist belts and plates, a full equipment of targets and target supplies, 2,650 canvas leggings, 1,000 uniforms, 75 sets of horse equipments for field and staff officers.

## KATE FIELDS.

Her Remains Brought from Honolulu and Will Be Cremated in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The remains of Kate Fields arrived Tuesday from Honolulu. Henry E. Highton, to whom the remains were consigned, said that the funeral services would be held in Trinity Episcopal church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The remains will then be taken to Odd Fellows' cemetery and cremated. The ashes will be sent east for interment. Rev. George Walk will preach the funeral sermon.

The Press club, the Wine Growers' association, the Woman's Press association and other organizations will pay special honors to the deceased, and then the National League of Press clubs will be properly represented, according to arrangements previously made.

Dreyer and Berger Arrested.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—E. S. Dreyer and his partner, Robert Berger, of the banking firm of E. S. Dreyer & Co., which failed on Monday, were arrested Wednesday afternoon charged with receiving a deposit, knowing their bank to be insolvent, and taken to the Central police station. Subsequently they were released by Justice Hall in \$700 bonds each, pending the hearing of their case, which will take place January 2. Adolph Kraus, the lawyer, and Charles H. Wacker, a brewer, were their bondsmen.

New England Society's Anniversary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The New England Society of the City of New York celebrated the ninety-first anniversary of its organization and the two hundred and seventy-sixth of the landing of the Pilgrims, by a big dinner this evening at the Waldorf. A feature of the occasion was the costume of the waiters, who were gotten up as New England farm laborers and wore blue striped shirts, blue jean trousers and straw hats.

Fire in a State Reformatory.

ELMHURST, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The F. H. Mills Manufacturing Co., of the New York state reformatory, was burned out Tuesday night. The flames destroyed two large brick buildings belonging to the state, which were occupied by the Mills Co. as manufacturers of plumbers' supplies and furniture. The loss will approximate \$90,000, including which nearly one-half is on state property and on which the state has no insurance.

Hornbeaters' March.

SUNBURY, O., Dec. 23.—Five enthusiasts, carrying a big tin horn from Decatur, Ill., to Canton, pa sed through here Wednesday. The snow is ten inches deep, but the men say they are having a good enough time. They are making money selling photographs.

Opposed to the Cameron Resolution. BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—The Merchant and Manufacturers' association adopted a resolution Tuesday, declaring that the Cameron resolutions now pending in the United States senate, providing for the recognition of the independence of Cuba, "is unwarranted, unwise and inconsistent."

## MAIN FEATURE

Of Discussion in Private and Public in Washington

Is the Position Assumed by Secretary Olney on the Cuban Question.

The Burden of the General Declaration is Antagonistic to the Views of the Secretary—Many Hold His Position is Untenable Under the Constitution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Though congressional debates have not been forthcoming to stimulate and keep active in discussion the interest brought out by the latest phase of the Cuban situation, the manifestations of feeling on that topic have not lessened. The positions assumed by Secretary Olney have been the main features of discussion in private and public, and so far as the opinions of members of congress go in the matter, it is evident that the burden of the general declaration is antagonistic to the views declared by the secretary of state. At the same time it is felt that the many instances wherein distinguished gentlemen, prominent in public life, in international law, scholarships and in business, have given open expressions of views, fully considering the position of the administration on the Cuban situation, have not been without a tendency to sensibly temper what some regard a too hastily formed judgment as the immediate necessity of ignoring Mr. Olney's views. In all the discussions held by Mr. Morgan of the committee on foreign relations, he has taken no backward step from his original position that Mr. Olney's attitude is beyond all proper precedent and an assertion of power for the executive that has never been delegated to that branch of the government by any decision of the supreme court in the consideration of the country's constitution.

Mr. Sherman, the chairman of the foreign affairs committee, holds as well that the position of Mr. Olney in the present particular is untenable under the constitution. Mr. Morgan says that if the president can recognize the Cuban republic independently of congress, he could deprive Mr. De Lome of his rights to represent the Spanish monarchy here. New England congressmen generally, with perhaps one or two exceptions, notably Mr. Chandler, who vigorously adheres to his heretofore expressed opinion that it would be preposterous for an executive to notify Spain not to expect until our next administration comes into power any action on the Cuban question, are disposed to be more conservative. Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, does not hesitate to say point blank that he disapproves of the Cameron resolutions. The two Maine senators differ, though very slightly, in respect to the Olney position. Senator Hale does not doubt the correctness of the stand taken by the secretary of state and his colleague Mr. Fry, who is a member of the committee on foreign relations, while he has been inclined to think Mr. Olney is right, has not freely determined what the effect would be if the Cameron resolution should pass. A sentiment that has considerable standing upon western representatives is explained by the declaration of Senator McMillan, of Michigan, who thinks the position taken by the president and the cabinet on the Cuban question is proper one.

The secretary himself has not been content to rest quietly in the face of the repeated dissensions to his statement. He has not been slow to refer to the position of Senator Morgan as a clearly inconsistent one, and referring Tuesday to the answer made by Morgan in the senate Monday to a question by Senator Hill that it was preposterous to question the right of congress to recognize the independence of Cuba, Mr. Morgan took an almost entirely different view of the matter last February, when the concurrent resolution expressing the sympathy of congress for the insurgents and urging the president to use his good offices with Spain to bring about a termination of the struggle on the island was under discussion in the senate. His remarks on that occasion have a direct bearing upon the issue raised by the secretary of state that the power of recognizing



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the independence of a new government is vested exclusively in the president, regardless of the wishes of congress in the matter. According to Secretary Olney the senator from Alabama at that time coincided with the position now assumed by the executive.

President Signs Centennial Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The president has signed the act providing for government participation in the centennial exposition at Nashville, Tenn., and making an appropriation of \$130,000 for a government building and exhibit.

Money for Pensioners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The secretary of the interior has drawn upon the treasury for \$10,800,000 for the quarterly payment of pensions. Among the distributions are: Pittsburgh, \$1,775,000; Milwaukee, \$1,875,000; Des Moines, \$2,100,000; Chicago, \$2,750,000.

Two Bills Signed by Grover.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The president has signed the pension appropriation bill and the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. The latter carries mainly naval appropriations and the chiefs of the bureaus of construction and steam engineering have been notified that they may continue the work of repairing the ships which threatened to be interrupted for lack of funds.

President Receives Minister Rodriguez.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The president has finally determined to recognize the new greater republic of Central America and Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock received Minister Rodriguez, who has been in Washington the past three weeks.

Will Stevens Recaptured.

UPPER SANDUSKY, O., Dec. 23.—Five weeks ago, in company with Eli Sidney Wallace, alleged to have ten wives, Will Stevens indicted for burglary, escaped from the jail here. Stevens wandered as far away as Missouri, but had a longing to see his sweetheart at Bucyrus, so wended his way back to this locality and was arrested in her company.

Fire in the County Building at Lima.

LIMA, O., Dec. 23.—At 12:30 Wednesday fire was discovered in the common pleas court room on the third floor of the \$300,000 county building. Before it could be extinguished several thousand dollars' damage was done to the furniture, frescoes, etc. It is supposed the fire started from an cigar stub. The building was supposed to be fireproof.

"Race-Track Jack" Ill.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 23.—"Race-track Jack," or James Donnan, known to every trotting horse man in the country, is very ill at his home at the Glenville track of pneumonia. "Jack" has conditioned tracks for breaking world's records many times. He is conceded to be the greatest track boss in the country.

Gas Blows Out a Wall.

ELYRIA, O., Dec. 23.—An explosion of gas Tuesday evening at the Elyria gas works blew out the north end of the building and set it on fire. The damage is \$1,000. Ralph Barnes, the gas maker, received serious injuries about the head and hands, as did his assistant, Al Young.

English Capital in Ohio.

SANDUSKY, O., Dec. 23.—Representatives of English capitalists are in the city negotiating for the purchase of the plants of the Kuebler-Stang Brewing Co.

## CHRISTMAS COMES

On apace. In a few short days, and also a few nights more, the largest stockings to be had on the bargain counters will be hung in a row on the mantel. (Families that are not already provided with mantels should buy at once, while the assortment is good.) The mysterious packages that have been hid during the past few weeks will come forth, for

## ON DEC. 25

It is the beautiful custom for each member of the family to give to each of the other members of the family something that they least expect and usually least desire, as a token of good will. It is also the custom of young men to go "broke" about this time of the year to show their angels how deep their devotion is. This has occurred every year at this date, and there will be

## NO POSTPONEMENT

This year on account of hard times. We have a few suggestions to make today for the benefit of the thousands of ladies who are trying to find "something for a man." Don't try to buy him a box of cigars, unless you can afford to buy good ones. Don't buy him a smoking jacket if he don't smoke. Don't buy him a diamond pin if he's hard up. If you've got a husband, don't buy him something

## ON ACCOUNT

And have the bill sent in for him to pay later on. If you want him to "brace up," buy him a pair of satin braces. If you want him to blow his own horn, buy him handkerchiefs. If he's a Republican, buy him a mackintosh or an umbrella for "protection." If you want to collar him, we'll help. If you want to suggest that you'd be willing to "tie" to him, buy him a necktie, and if you've "pinned" your faith to him, buy him a scarf pin—AND BUY 'EM HERE. Our great Clothing and Furnishing Goods sale will continue for the next two weeks, no matter what the condition

## OF THE WEATHER.

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Walking Stick.....	.75	6 pr. 1/2 Hose.....	.50
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