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Condensed into Short and Pithy Paragraphs
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NATIONAL BANK OFFICIALS INDICTED.

Crippled for Life—Accidentally Shot
—\$15,000 Damage Suit—Steamer
Marino Nearly Destroyed—Reduction of Assessment.

Duties Paid.
Duties to the sum of \$33,000 were paid on the 35,000 bags of German beet sugar which arrived at New Orleans, Thursday, on the steamship Abana, consigned to the American Sugar Refinery.

Levee Letting.
In the office of the State engineers at New Orleans, Thursday, bids were opened on the contract for the Tropical Bend levee, in Plaquemines parish, involving the moving of about 25,000 cubic yards. The successful bidder was J. B. Festerling, whose price was 2 1/2 cents a cubic yard.

Italian Immigrants.
The steamship Bolivia, which will reach New Orleans about Nov. 9, will have aboard in the neighborhood of 1300 Italian immigrants, most of whom hail from Palermo. These immigrants will settle in Louisiana, where most of them will obtain employment on the sugar and rice plantations.

Steamer Marino Nearly Destroyed.
The steamer Marino, J. A. Murray commander, of the Elder, Dempster line, which arrived at Gretna Thursday from London, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire, wind and waves on the 7th, 8th and 9th of October. The ship caught on fire during a hurricane, when the seas were running high and her escape was miraculous. Capt. Murray and the crew worked hard to save the ship, but nothing could have done so, as eight large drums of acid on deck had burst and the whole deck was on fire, had not the vessel been run into a deep trough between two huge waves, causing her to ship a great quantity of water, which washed the acid overboard.

Crippled for Life.
Edwin Bozant, a fourteen-year-old boy, was crippled for life in New Orleans, Saturday morning, while attempting to board a moving freight train on the Louisville & Nashville railroad. About 9 o'clock, while the boy was playing in front of his parents' residence, on Elysian Fields street, between Claiborne and Derbigny, he attempted to board one of the cars of freight train No. 73, of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, while the train was in motion. He missed his footing and fell under the car and the wheels passed over his right ankle, severing the foot. The boy was taken from under the wheels and a call was sent in for the ambulance. When the ambulance reached the scene the boy was taken to the hospital.

Accidentally Shot.
Guy Maloney, eleven years of age, at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, at No. 1036 Liberty street, near Calhoun, in New Orleans, was shot in the left thigh and severely wounded by Albert Williams, aged sixteen years. Williams resides with his parents at No. 1119 Rampart street, near Calhoun. Maloney's home is on Howard avenue, near Dryades street. While the two boys were playing at the house No. 1036 Liberty street, Williams drew a 32-calibre pistol, and while carelessly handling it the same was discharged and the bullet penetrated Maloney's thigh. The wounded boy was taken to the hospital, where his wound was examined and pronounced dangerous. Williams was arrested and released on \$250 bond by Recorder Finnegan.

Bank Officers Indicted.
Some time ago Judge Baker, of New Orleans, instructed the grand jury that the officers and directors of national banks could be indicted for violating section 87 of the revised statutes, relative to concealing the condition of a bank. The grand jury met at 11 o'clock Thursday morning and immediately retired to their room. They heard a number of witnesses in unimportant cases. About 12:30 o'clock they came into court and returned seven indictments. Six of the indictments were against the officers and directors of the American National Bank. They are: Henry Gardes, president; Walter W. Girault, vice-president and cashier; Messrs. T. Dumas, Jules Keiffer, W. H. Renaud and E. C. Fenner, directors.

\$15,000 Damage Suit.
Robert Pickles, of New Orleans, through his attorney, Joseph N. Wolfson, Thursday filed suit in the United States circuit court for damages in the

sum of \$15,000 against the American Sugar Refinery. Pickles was employed in the refinery in question in the capacity of a "rigger" during the month of February, 1896. He alleges that while hauling a piece of tackle in the attempt to hoist a heavy piece of piping that the iron hook of the block broke, throwing him with great force against the elevator. The shock, he claims, broke his arm and injured him so that he will be crippled for life. It is charged that the foreman employed by the company was incompetent and that the tackle was defective. On these grounds damages in the sum named are asked.

Reduction of Assessment.
The Crescent City railroad company Saturday filed suit in the civil district court at New Orleans against C. Harrison Parker and the board of Assessors, praying that the assessment of their property, placed by defendant at \$1,215,267, be reduced to \$400,000. The petition declares that the law provided for the estimating of the value of property on profits made by the concern in question, and that the profits of the Crescent City railroad are altogether inconsistent with the figures at which the board of assessors have placed petitioner's property. It is declared in the petition that during the year 1895, the Crescent City railroad operated at a loss, paying but very little dividends, and those preferred and due to the traction company, which owns the majority of its stock.

Statement of the Comptroller.
A statement prepared by the comptroller of the currency, at Washington, D. C., Monday, showed the amount of national bank notes in circulation on October 31st was \$234,897,657, an increase for the month of \$1,245,627, and for the year \$21,090,423. The circulation based on bonds was \$216,510,014, an increase for the month of \$1,842,329, and for the year of \$26,329,053. The circulation secured by lawful money amounted to \$18,387,643, a decrease for the month of 496,693, and for the year \$3,223,624. The amount of United States registered bonds on deposit to secure circulating notes was \$241,103,430, and to secure public deposits \$15,903,000.

Court Martial Proceedings Suspended.
A dispatch to the New York Herald Monday from Havana, says: "Owing to a notice of protest from Consul General Lee, taking exception to the new court martial of the Competitor's crew, begun in the fortress Cabanas recently, the proceedings in the case have been temporarily suspended. A summons has, however, been published in the local papers, requiring various witnesses to appear and file written evidence against the prisoners. One member of the expedition, George Ferraz, who, after landing, surrendered to the Spanish authorities and was pardoned under General Weyler's amnesty, has just been arrested to await the trial as a witness. George Brown, a British subject, and prominent in Havana business circles, has been imprisoned upon a political charge."

Panic in a Trolley Car.
Lambuster Angelo was killed and Lincoln Giuseppe was dangerously injured Monday in a panic which resulted from a trivial occurrence on a trolley car of the Consolidated Traction Company, Newark, N. J. The car was filled with Italian laborers when a fuse of the electric motor blew out, sending a puff of smoke into the car. Angelo jumped or was pushed off of the car and in striking the ground his neck was broken. Giuseppe's head was badly cut and he may not survive. Three others sustained minor injuries.

Sill vs. Uncle Sam.
In the United States district court Monday, Judge Townsend handed down a preliminary decision in the case of ex-District Attorney George S. Sill against the United States, in which the plaintiff claims \$5,500 for services and disbursements during his four years' tenure of office. Of the amount claimed, the decision, which is itemized, practically allows to the plaintiff \$3,035. Part of this allowance is conditional upon the plaintiff's ability to prove in court certain allegations in his bill.

Double Murder and Suicide.
A horrible tragedy, in which two men were killed and a young woman fatally wounded, occurred Monday morning at Seheictown, Ohio, across the river from Wheeling, W. Va. The victims were Dot Gray, who was shot through the body, but who is still living; Wm. Matzger, shot through the body and killed; and Scott Linton, who shot and killed himself. The shooting was all done by Linton, who had been intimate with the Gray woman. He found Matzger in Mrs. Gray's room, and drawing a revolver shot and killed Matzger, then shot the girl, and fired a bullet into his own brain.

Cotton Cargo Afire.
The British steamer Cromwell, Capt. Woodruff, from Galveston on October 11 for Bremen, put into Dartmouth, England, Monday, with the cotton in her second hold on fire.

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