

NEWS BY WIRE AND CABLE.

Interesting Items of Happenings Throughout The Entire Country.

MACEO'S ADJUTANT MAKES A STATEMENT

Pensacola Fortifications—Train Robber's Confession—Frozen to Death—Iron Mills Started—A Drunkard's Crime.

Frozen to Death.
Frank Vance, of Chicago, was found frozen to death Saturday afternoon two miles north of Fargo, S. D. He was out in the blizzard.

Murder and Suicide.
H. L. Brewer, Friday, at DeKalb, Ill., killed his wife, severely wounded his child and mother-in-law and killed himself.

Iron Mills Starting.
The Ohio Steel company, the Brown-Bonell Iron company, and the Mahoning Valley Iron company, will have all their mills running during this week, with orders enough to keep them busy for two months.

Smallpox Patients Located.
Dr. Herron, the new health officer, of Pensacola, Fla., says that he has now located the source of the few cases of smallpox in the city and will be able to eradicate it in a short time. A camp of detention was established three miles from the city Sunday.

Poisoned by Trichina.
Forty members of a wedding anniversary party at the home of A. B. Stewart at Hollidaysburg, Pa., Saturday, were poisoned by eating ham sandwiches which, it was believed, were affected by trichina. No fatalities have been reported, but many of the victims are in a serious condition.

A Drunkard's Crime.
A special to the Cincinnati Enquirer from West Liberty, Ky., says: "In Elliott county, Saturday evening, Wm. Adkins returned home in an intoxicated condition and began abusing his son Math. He drew his knife and struck at his son but missed him, the knife taking effect in the neck of John Mannin's eleven year old daughter. The girl will not live many hours."

Counterfeiter Convicted.
The jury in the case of Percy B. Sullivan, alias S. M. Woodson, alias Allen, on trial at Indianapolis, Ind., for counterfeiting, returned a verdict of guilty Saturday, and the sentence will be passed next Tuesday. Sullivan claims Louisville as his home. Sullivan's important operations in Indiana were at Vincennes and Evansville, and his specialty was the circulating of raised bills. He was arrested at St. Louis about ten days ago.

Monetary Conference.
All but three of the cities to which invitations were sent by the board of trade of Indianapolis for a preliminary conference to consider the subject of a national convention of commercial bodies on the money question have sent responses. Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Detroit, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Peoria and Grand Rapids will send delegates. Louisville, Kansas City and Omaha have sent no replies.

War Vessels for Spain.
From reliable sources it has been learned that the Spanish government asked Chili to sell the new cruiser Esmeralda, 5,000 tons, 23 knots; also the small battle-ship Congress, both of which will be ready to sail for Valparaiso next month. The Chilean cabinet informed the Madrid cabinet, through the medium of the Spanish minister at Santiago, that the proposal could not be entertained. Similar advances by Spain were also made to purchase the one fast torpedo catcher built for Chili at Yarrow's yard on the Thames.

A Train Robber's Confession.
The railway officials will vigorously prosecute Young Bridges and his gang, who held up the Independence car Saturday night near Kansas City, Mo. Bridges has made a written confession. He charges the other three prisoners with plotting the robbery. He admits that the gang had planned to job the Missouri Pacific's Denver express, at Leeds, Mo., a week ago, and implicates two brothers, Bert and Jesse Paggott, in this latter crime. Detectives are out hunting for them.

Pensacola Fortifications.
Major F. A. Mahan, United States engineer in charge of the government work at Pensacola, Fla., arrived there Saturday with orders from the war department to select a site for another battery of heavy guns to be located on the main land near the ruins of old Fort McRae. The force of men at work on the bastions for disappearing guns, located on Santa Rosa island, has been increased to 225. They are divided into three gangs, working day and night. It is expected that one bastion will be ready in fifteen days.

Killed His Father in Self Defense.
J. W. Burney, was shot and killed his 17 year old son Saturday at ratton, Neb. Burney, who had been a spree since election, procured a .45, and, repairing to his home, demanded that Mrs. Burney call the boy, the time had come when he must

shoot both of them. The boy happened to be in an adjoining room and overheard the conversation, came out, only to be confronted by his father who pointed the gun at him. Before the father could fire the son shot him.

Maceo's Adjutant Makes a Statement.
A Brooklyn evening paper of Saturday says: "Col. Jose Reyes, one of Maceo's adjutants, who arrived at the office of the Cuban junta in New York city today with dispatches from his chief, denies the story telegraphed from Jacksonville the other day that Capt. Gen. Weyler had lost 2000 men during his march through the province of Pinar del Rio recently by dynamite and guns. He says the battle fought early in October was mistaken for an engagement with Weyler's troops. He says the details of the two battles are almost identical. The alleged loss on the occasion of the October fight is said to have been 2000 Spanish and 30 Cubans under Gen. Melquizer and Gen Maceo."

Novel Suit Against Pullman.
A novel suit against the Pullman Palace Car company is on trial at St. Johns, Neb. The case, which has been before the court since 1892, is an action for alleged damages sustained by James J. McGaffigan, head of the tea importing firm of J. J. McGaffigan & Co., through having caught cold while traveling from Boston to St. Johns, in an unheated Pullman car in 1889. Mr. McGaffigan sues for \$25,000, on the ground that the heating apparatus, through negligence of the company, failed to work, and that he contracted a violent cold while asleep, from which a long illness and permanently impaired health resulted.

A Peculiar Affliction.
Harry Outridge, alias Lord Athol, an Englishman who has gained considerable notoriety in Oakland, Cal., for a number of peculiar acts, including the theft of a horse and buggy, lies in the receiving hospital in that city devoid of the power of speech. He is conscious and has control of all his other faculties, but cannot utter a sound. His case is a puzzle to the physicians who are attending him. They are of the opinion that he is suffering from a rather unusual form of epilepsy. Outridge writes that it is the second time he has had his voice taken from him with the speed of lightning, and that on the previous occasion he only spoke after an operation upon the nerves that centre around his larynx. He maintains that he relied upon remittances from his family in England.

Gun Practice at Pensacola.
It is rumored in military circles that all the troops of the First artillery, now stationed at various posts on the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, are to be concentrated at Pensacola, Fla., for practice with the modern heavy guns, which will soon be in position on Santa Rosa Island. The selection of a site for another battery leaves no doubt in the minds of military men that Pensacola is to be heavily fortified as rapidly as possible, and as the troops need practice in the handling of the modern guns this harbor is deemed by military men to be the best that could be selected for the purpose. They would have the open gulf for target practice, and at least 1,000 men can be comfortably quartered at Fort Barrancas and the navy yard.

A Strange Fatality.
Wednesday at noon Miss Annie Blooker, a member of one of the most prominent families of Austin, while bathing in a tub adjoining her bedroom, was seized with an epileptic fit and died before assistance came. She had been in the tub only about twenty minutes when she was discovered, but too late to bring her back to consciousness, as her body was cold. She has been a sufferer from these fits for some time. Her sister, Miss Mary, was wild with grief on being called to her sister's side, and in the afternoon had been verging on the hysterical. That night she became frenzied in her grief and was so violent that she burst a blood vessel, killing her instantly; thus bringing about the death of the two within the period of a few hours.

A New Haven Defaulter.
Detective Cowles, of New Haven, Conn., arrived at San Francisco, Cal., Saturday, to take charge of H. C. Clarke, who is wanted for stealing \$500 from Peck & Bishop, general ticket agents. He will leave with his prisoner on Monday. Cowles claims that Clarke's story of having been afflicted with loss of memory immediately after the commission of his crime is absurd. After he fled from New Haven he attempted to dispose of the stolen checks, but failed. The following day he sent the checks back to the firm. The detective believes that Clarke concocted the story of his being in a trance "in the hope of escaping with a light sentence."

A Pittless Storm in Kansas.
The first heavy storm of the season prevailed in Kansas, Thursday and Friday night. Reports from Lawrence and Junction City, in the central part of the State, report sleet and snow driven by a wind that developed many of the characteristics of a Western blizzard. The ground is frozen and fear is expressed that stock will suffer. Wheat all over Central Kansas was never finer at this season. The temperature in Kansas Friday ranged from 6 to 10 degrees above zero. In Oklahoma it averaged about 18 degrees above. The thermometer in Kansas City, Mo., fell 48 degrees between noon Thursday and 7 o'clock Friday morning, going from 31 to 13 degrees above zero.

BILL ARP'S LETTER

MEETS AN OLD FRIEND WHO RECALLS THE DIM PAST.

Philosopher Tends to Flowers and Sweeps the Walks.

Now that the elections are all over, let us wash our hands and turn over a new leaf. It is a curious paradox that as a general rule a man can't be elected until he first falls from grace. Politics makes a strange mixture of Calvinism and Arminianism. But I reckon we will all survive our disappointments and, as Dr. Miller used to say, learn to spell the word acquiesce. He always pronounced it with the first e long like it was acquiesce. This seems to be the young men's era and I reckon they can run the machine, but I must say that it has been a long time since I have had my choice in anything outside of home. I am doing reasonably well under my own vine and fig tree, where I am elected all the time. The fact is, I never fall from grace inside of my own premises, though sometimes things are not calm and serene even there.

I worked hard yesterday clearing up the flower garden and got in quite a sweat of perspiration. The leaves from our big trees had blown all over the beds and the chrysanthemums had fallen down and had to be staked up and tied and the old canna stocks had to be cut down and removed. By the time I had got everything in good order and the leaves all burned and the walks raked out I thought it was about time to receive some praise from somebody, for I had observed that Mrs. Arp was sewing by the open window and occasionally gave me an uxorial glance. And so I sat down on the iron seat and mopped the honest dew from my aged forehead. Suddenly she drew near the window and remarked: "I wish you could just see Mrs. Crawford's front yard and flower garden; they are as clean as a parlor. I was there yesterday at the meeting of the aid society and everything was lovely. Mr. Crawford certainly knows how to keep a place in order."

Well, that disturbed my tranquility a little and I was about to say maybe you had better get him to come up here and fix this one, but I didn't. But I wasn't serene at all and ventured to remark that Mr. Crawford didn't do it, for he had to weigh cotton all day and I reckon it was Mrs. Crawford's work. I paused for a reply, but she resumed her needle and thread and I sat and ruminated. When I came to dinner I continued my broken remarks and said that Mr. Crawford didn't have four acres of big oak trees to litter up his little front yard and I thought that a carpet of rich brown leaves wasent an unsightly thing now. She asked me to send down my plate for some chicken. After another pause I remarked that I had long since found out that we couldn't have every good thing in one place. We couldn't have a beautiful grove and a fine flower garden near it for flowers won't grow under shade. Those beautiful roses that Mrs. Laramore sent me have the sunshine all the day. "Let me help you to do one of these poached eggs," she said.

"But I reckon," said I, as I handed my plate, "Mrs. Crawford had things fixed up extra fine because the aid society was coming." "It is going to meet here next week," my wife remarked in a mollifying tone of voice. "Won't you have a glass of buttermilk; it is fresh and good." And so I gave it up, and after dinner she came out and was quite profuse in her admiration, for she knows that it takes lots of encouragement to keep me at work. I'll keep on cleaning up until that aid society comes and goes. I'll watch the leaves as they fall and catch 'em in my hat. I'll sweep and sandpaper every walk and then Mrs. Crawford can go home and praise me to Mr. Crawford and put him in pouts. I'm going to put out two more rows of strawberry plants today, for she hinted that we had hardly enough. I heard her tell the girls that she was ashamed of that old patched-up carpet in the dining room, for it had been down for four winters, and she wished she did have a large rug to put under the table. I'll surprise her with one some of these days when I sell my gold mine. It will sell now, I reckon, since McKinley was elected, for there is gold in it. It was the only thing I had that Sherman's bummers didn't pick up and carry off. I traveled the other day with an old soldier from Atlanta to Cartersville. He couldn't find a seat, and looked troubled as he toted his old valise up and down the aisle. So I pulled his coattail and made him sit down by me. He looked thankful and in reply to my inquiry, said he was going to Calhoun, and from there to his son-in-law's in the country, a couple of miles; said he wanted to see Sally and her children mighty bad.

"Sally is a powerful good woman," said he, "and she has a good, industrious husband, and they are gittin' along mighty well considerin'." My old woman died eight years ago, and I'm so lonesome at home that I go about and about and stay with our married children. That's all that an old man can do for comfort." This old veteran was wearing his four score and was still quite alive and lively. He followed old Joe Johnston all the way down from Chicamanga and had never been over the ground since. How the old man's eyes brightened as I pointed out Kennesaw mountain, though he said he marched on the other side, toward New Hope church.

"We had a hard fight over there," he said, "and we evilyastingly salivated

'em, as the boys said. We kept old Sherman powerful busy burying of his dead."

I pointed out Last mountain, and when we reached the station that they used to call Big Shanty, the old man stretched up another inch and pointing his trembling hand, said: "Eight over there is the spring where I used to fill my old canteen. Yes, I would be glad to stop long enough to walk over there and take one more drink of that water. We licked them yankees all around here, but there was too many of 'em—too many. They just come up out of the yorath like locusts in Egypt."

The old man was familiar with every place we passed, and talked fast and eagerly. When he told me he was from old Gwinnett and had a farm on Yaller river, I was drawn closer to him and asked him about the Craigs and Vaughans and the old Moses Liddell place and Shoal creek and Montgomery's mill pond and Fairview church and the old manual labor school. The old man looked at me again and again with a bewildered curiosity and finally ventured to ask what meant my name be.

"Did you know the Alexanders and Stricklands and Nathau Hutchins?" said I. "Yes, I knowed Dr. Alexander and all his boys, and all the Stricklands from old Milza down, and I knowed the Hutchinses. I come down to Atlanta with Fitz Hutchins this morning. He's our judge, you know, and he's a good friend of mine. I knowed all the boys. Clarence ain't far from me.

"What meant your name be?" said he. "Did you know an old man in Lawrenceville named Asa Smith?" said I. "Why, of course I did; everybody knowed him. I traded in his store for years. He moved away to Floyd county just before the war. Did you ever live in Lawrenceville?"

"Do you remember a little dark-skinned, black-eyed girl who used to ride horseback up that road? She was Fitz Hutchins' sister."

"Why, of course I do. Everybody know her. She used to go to the old judge's farm on the river, 12 miles from town and go alone, and she went in a hurry and come back with a bag of apples or peaches hanging to the horn of her saddle. She married old Asa Smith's son, if I don't mistake. I think Fitz told me that. I was thinking that maybe you were him, but then you are too old a man, I reckon."

"My friend," said I, "you forget that it has been over fifty years since you saw that little girl; yes, she is my wife and is not a little girl any more."

"Well, well, shore enuf," said he, with a melancholy tone; "I do forget—I'm always forgettin'. An you are old Asa's son. Well, well; I used to trade with you and your pa and the Stricklands. Well, well; I am so glad I come across you."

The whistles blowed and the bell rang and I gave the old man a warm shake of the hand and said, "God-by—God bless you."—BILL ARP in Atlanta Constitution.

Postmaster Makes Good his Shortage.

Last week it was rumor on the streets of Memphis to the effect that there was a shortage in the accounts of Postmaster Robert Armour, amounting to some \$12,000. The fact that there was a shortage in Mr. Armour's account prior to November 18 has been established beyond any question. A conference of Mr. Armour's bondsmen and friends was held on the evening of November 17th. The result of this conference was that the amount of shortage was made up. The amount due the government from the postmaster at Memphis was \$12,350.31. Mr. Armour was entitled to a credit of \$116.43 on account of salary, leaving \$12,233.88 as the amount of the credit. This sum was paid to Assistant Postmaster Jas. Harris, who perform the duties of bookkeeper, on November 18th. Nothing authentic could be learned from the inspectors or district attorneys as to whether any steps would be taken to bring the matter before the federal grand jury at Memphis or whether the report which Inspector Whitesides must necessarily return to headquarters contains any clause which may lead to the postmaster's removal.

To Aid the Cubans.

A powerful ally of the Cubans is about to be organized in this country under the name of the "Cuban League of the United States of America." The league will be formed on the same lines as the association of 1870, which worked for Cuban independence. It is to recall that league into activity that a call for a mass meeting has been issued in New York, signed by Collis P. Huntington, Louis Windmuller, Chauncey H. Depew, J. Edward Simmons, Ethan Allen, General Stewart L. Woodford, C. A. Dana, Paul Dana, and Roswell P. Flower. Many of the signers of the present petition were active in the former league. At that time Ethan Allen took a prominent part in the councils of the league. He is again working to re-establish the old organization and is arranging, in connection with others, for mass meetings to be held all over the United States. Stephen Crane, the novelist, will go to Cuba, Friday, and to the scene of the revolution, and will join Maceo's forces in Pinar del Rio as a non-combatant. His sympathies, however, are with the revolutionists.

Well Known Sport Murdered.

At 8 a. m., Monday, Thomas Joy, well known in sporting circles, died at the hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was murdered. Some one shot him during the night, but Joy never regained consciousness, and the police are unable to get any clew to the murderer or the cause.

DUN & CO'S. TRADE REVIEW

General Improvement, Despite Elements of Depression.

GAIN IS GREATER THAN EXPECTED.

Wheat Rises 6 Cents—Cotton Gains a 10th, After a Considerable Decline—Northern Mills Take Less Cotton Than Formerly.

R. G. Dun & Co's. weekly review of Saturday said: When the rush of orders after the election slackened many began to think that business was dwindling. Subsidence of deferred orders is not decrease of business. Broadly speaking the gain has been greater than anybody expected and it is not surprising if a small part of it is in excess of the present consuming demand. Reports from all parts of the country show clearly the enlargement of trade, not at all points in the same branches, but everywhere helped by a more confident feeling. Extremes of weather have made the week not altogether good for retail trade, but in that line there is improvement on the whole.

Wheat has risen over 6 cents for the week, without material change in foreign advices, which have been on the whole less stimulating. Western receipts are falling behind last year, and for four weeks past have been only 19,012,884 bushels against 27,902,027 last year. The exports, flour included, have been 6,270,981 bushels for the same week against 6,265,018 last year, and are not large enough to create excitement. But 13 cargoes have left Tacoma in November and 30 have left San Francisco, with twelve more loading and forty engaged. The milling demand of the Atlantic States is also large, and at four Western cities the output of flour in five weeks has been 2,665,415 barrels against 2,612,300 in the same weeks last year.

Corn has sympathized with wheat only a little and is coming forward freely. The most important factor in the wheat market is that the visible supplies do not gain as much as has been expected.

Cotton has gained only a sixteenth, after its considerable decline, and the tolerably heavy movement puts the speculators for an advance in constant difficulties, and yet there is all the time to remember the fact that the crop was nearly one month earlier than usual, and the present excesses over the last year's movement may be materially reduced hereafter. Nevertheless, the fact appears that the northern mills are taking much less cotton than in previous years and the demand for goods is evidently disappointing.

Wool was and is still bought largely for speculation and earlier purchasers are unloading on the latter, but the mills are not yet doing much more than in October. A few more have been started, but there is scarcely more demand apparent for staple goods. Including speculative operations the sales of wool have been for four weeks 37,814, 100 pounds, of which 23,212,000 pounds were domestic, against 22,296,050 last year, of which 13,381,750 were domestic, and 24,371,821 in 1893, of which 21,639,636 were domestic. But the producing capacity of the works and the stoppage of several large carpet mills within the past ten days is of importance.

In the minor metals tin is as strong as it was a week ago, but copper and lead are stronger. Failures for the week have been 300 in the United States against 279 last year, and 38 in Canada against 47 last year.

A Pennsylvania Fracas.

In a saloon row between Polanders and Americans, at Dunas, Pa., Thursday night, Frank Lambert and James Motzlee received wounds from which they died Friday, while John Betts was fatally injured. Four Poles were slightly hurt. The police have arrested half a dozen ring-leaders of the riot.

Fertilizing Factory Burned.

The fertilizing plant of Treston & Sons, in Blissville, L. I., was destroyed by fire Thursday. The factory consisted of six frame buildings, covering about an acre and a half of ground. About \$200,000 worth of machinery was destroyed.

Austrian Affairs.

A Vienna dispatch to the London, Eng., Daily News of Wednesday says that the emperor's speech at the opening of the Hungarian diet will refer to the recent Bismarck revelations and will assert the firmness of the dreibund and his decided belief in continued peace.

Frank James in a New Role.

Frank James, brother of Jesse James, the notorious train robber and member of the James gang of outlaws, is an aspirant for a St. Louis police commissionership. His candidacy has the support of Chief Harrigan.

Confessed Judgment.

Isaac Swope & Co., manufacturers of watch movements and jewelry at New York, confessed judgment Monday for \$7,390, with nominal assets of \$50,000. The firm has a branch in St. Louis.

Saddlery Dealer Assigns.

A. J. Soape, dealer in saddlery at Annis, Tex., has assigned. Preferences \$6,750. Brown Brothers & Co., of Milford, Tex., have also assigned, with preferences of \$7000.

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North Mississippi Conference.
The North Mississippi Conference of the Methodist church, which convened in Greenville on Thanksgiving Day, has completed its work after a week of the most agreeable social and business experience. The visitors, numbering about three hundred, included all the well known ministers of the Methodist church of the district and a large number of distinguished laymen who accompanied them. Daily services were held in the various churches during the week, and on Thanksgiving Day a sermon was preached by Bishop Galloway to an immense audience in the court house. The visitors were entertained at the homes of the citizens, members of all denominations entertained them as guests, and the conference has had the effect of producing great cordiality and good feeling among the different religious bodies of the city.

Astor's \$50,000 Gift.

Announcement has been made by the Children's Aid Society, of New York, that William Waldorf Astor has made a gift of \$50,000. The money Mr. Astor provided will be used to erect a school building as a memorial to his wife, who had been greatly interested in the society's work up to the day of her death. The Children's Aid Society has twenty industrial schools, in which over 13,000 children are yearly taught. The new building to be erected as a memorial to Mrs. Astor will be in a crowded tenement district, where thousands of children who are now without schooling will be benefited.

Heavy Gale on the British Coast.

A heavy gale prevailed Saturday over the British coast. Much damage was done to shipping, and there was also a heavy snowfall over the Island of Jersey.