

FIVE MANIACS BURNED

Fire in the County Infirmary Near Sandusky, O., Destroys the Insane Department.

Ninety-two inmates of the Building Removed Safely, But Five Lost Their Lives.

Ex-Mayor Bowman of East St. Louis Assassinated on the Street Near His Home.

The Mysterious Drowning at Chicago Believed to be a Case of Suicide.

Five Persons Burned to Death.

SANDUSKY, O., Nov. 20.—The county infirmary, near the city, was partially destroyed by fire to-night. Five persons were burned to death and the superintendent was badly injured. The fire which destroyed the main building of the county infirmary broke out in one of the upper rooms of the northwest wing of the building about 7:30 o'clock this evening, originating, as is supposed, from a defective flue. The flames spread with great rapidity, and as there were no facilities for the extinguishment of the fire, the whole upper part of the structure was soon in flames. An alarm was sent to this city as soon as possible and the firemen responded promptly. The nearest supply of water was a creek about a quarter of a mile from the institution. A line of hose was speedily laid and a stream was soon playing upon the flames. The men were ordered to crowd and worked hard to save the inmates and the household effects. There were ninety-eight inmates. All were safely gotten out except five, who were in the insane department, which was located in the portion of the building which the fire originated. The names of those who were burned to death were as follows: Mary Letcha of Sandusky, Mrs. Newcomb of Berlin Heights, Mrs. Schiefer of Sandusky, Mary Epp of Sandusky, Mary Miller of Sandusky.

Supt. Alex Motrey was injured internally while endeavoring to rescue the inmates in the insane department, and was carried to a house near by and is still unconscious. The inmates were taken to the stable and made as comfortable as possible. The firemen, finding they could not save the main structure, directed their efforts towards saving the smaller buildings immediately in the rear, which is the men's department. The men were ordered to remove and after the fire the inmates were removed into it from the stable. The loss is estimated between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Insurance cannot be ascertained to-night.

Assassinated Ex-Mayor Bowman.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 20.—Ex-Mayor John Bowman of East St. Louis was murdered about 8 o'clock this evening, within fifty yards of his residence, near the edge of town. He had been to Belleville, and was walking home with a friend, when he was seen walking with him. A shot was fired by neighbors, and a minute or two afterward Mr. Bowman was found lying on the sidewalk with a hole in the back of his head. The man who fired the shot, being that the shot was fired at close range. The murderer had disappeared, and Mr. Bowman, who was dying, could give no information. He lived only a few minutes. The news of the murder spread like wildfire, and many people gathered to the side of the river, as there is not a man or woman in St. Louis or a child over ten years old who has not heard of Mayor Bowman, as he was called, although it is seven or eight years since he filled the office. During the year 1875, he had full control of the municipal government of East St. Louis, carrying every election as he pleased, though not without many bitter fights and much bloodshed. The city was divided into two parties, more hostile to each other than two foreign countries in

TIME OF WAR. Bowman's party was in the majority, or at least carried all the elections and kept in power until he got tired of excitement and withdrew from active politics. He was shot at many places, but he was not killed in any of the encounters in the council chamber, but was never seriously hurt. Once, when the opposite party got possession of the East St. Louis police headquarters, his force attempted to take the building by storm and was killed. This was in the summer of 1875. During the last seven years Mr. Bowman confined his attention mostly to his practice as a lawyer, and has figured in every big lawsuit in St. Clair county. About two months ago Ex-Mayor Wilstinsky died from injuries received from being run over by a bull, and left a large estate, which his relatives are now fighting over, and it is believed that the murder to-night was a result of that quarrel. Ex-Mayor Bowman leaves four grown children, two sons and two daughters. He was about the richest man in East St. Louis. Ex-Mayor Bowman, the son, has offered \$5,000 reward for the capture of the murderer of his father.

Probably Suicide.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—A portion of the mystery surrounding the death of the woman known as the "Loving Girl" who was found floating in the Chicago river last night was cleared up this morning when the body was identified by F. W. Bigger as that of his wife. Mr. Bigger lives and conducts a meat shop on State street. An inquest was begun this morning at the residence of the deceased. Mr. Bigger left home at 7 p. m. for the purpose of going to the fat-stock show. As she had not returned at midnight he made every effort to find her, but discovered no trace of her whereabouts or movements until he resigned himself to the possibility of her being in the morning papers. Mr. Bigger stated that he had always lived happily with his wife. Since the birth of the youngest child, about six months ago, she had been at times nervous and dependent. The friends and relations of Mrs. Bigger, however, do not think that there is any reason to believe that the lady met her death through foul play. Mr. Bigger himself is completely prostrated by the blow that has so suddenly befallen him. There are three little children, the eldest of whom is but 10 years of age, while the youngest is a babe of 6 months. The deceased was a most affectionate wife and mother, whose heart seemed to be wrapped up in her family, and had every comfort at home that money could buy.

Embarrassed and Died.

LANCASTER, Pa., Nov. 20.—Benjamin H. Longnecker, director of the poor of Lancaster county, disappeared last March, after receiving \$8,000 of trust funds. The body found recently in Los Angeles county, California, has just been identified as that of Longnecker. The cause of his death is unknown.

Making It Hot for a Lawyer.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 20.—The trial of Col. Archibald Blakely, the well-known attorney, as accessory to the murder of Obadiah Haymaker on Nov. 20, 1883, ended to-day. The case was submitted to the jury this afternoon. The jury retired and will not render a verdict before morning. Col. Blakely's friends express the belief that the jury will fail to agree. The trial has lasted four days. The history of the case involves an effort to acquire control of natural gas territory just outside of Murraysville, Westmoreland county. The two factions met upon what is known as the Remaly farm and a struggle ensued for supremacy. In that fight Obadiah Haymaker was killed.

TWO WONDERFUL RUNS

Vignaux, by Defeating Slosson, Leaves Victory Undecided in the Billiard Tournament.

The Former Accomplishes the Greatest Record Ever Known at Billiards—The Scores.

Lively Four-Round Sparring Exhibition Between Billy Wilson and Joe Lannan.

Young Kelly Willing to Meet Sands in the Ring—Sullivan Under Contract—Notes.

Slosson and Vignaux.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Slosson and Vignaux met again to-night in the billiard-tournament before a large audience. The game was of especial importance, as if Slosson won, he captured a big pot of money, while if Vignaux won, there would still be a chance to tie all. Vignaux beat Slosson to-morrow night. In the betting, which was quite brisk, Vignaux commanded odds of 100 to 30. Slosson appeared in a close-fitting Cardigan jacket, with Vignaux in his black dress coat and plain white shirt sleeves. The bank lead was won by the Parisian, who quickly gathered the balls on the left-hand rail, where they lined after the ninth shot, and he failed on a masse stroke. Slosson found them fairly grouped, but found them in a bad position. Slosson's run of 24 in the cushion and counted, securing a good position thereby. He soon organized the ivories at the head rail, and by judicious and careful drives to the sides and end he beat the record of the tournament for the biggest run in the city. The game ended at 77 with the miss of an easy direct corner. He left Vignaux a very

Hard Cross-Table Cushion Shot.

shot, which he made, but after making the second shot they broke absolutely safe and he stopped. Slosson's run of 24 in the second ended with the miss of a very mean draw shot when his ball was against the rail. The call was Slosson 101, Vignaux 11. When Vignaux went to bat in his third inning he found the balls very stubbornly in the pocket, and he made a succession of the toughest possible breaks, but he overcame them with masterly power and kept on clubbing out billiards. The balls stopped in line at least a dozen times, compelling him to play masse and bank. He proved equal to every emergency and played as if he would never stop. After a time the balls grew more tractable, and at 109 he had a handsome bank-line position at the lower end of the table and held it for twelve shots. Then he changed to a direct corner and left the cue when he beat his own run of 167 the audience cheered Vignaux. He stopped at 195 on an easy cushion shot. At Slosson's first shot the balls lined safe on him and he missed. The call was now Vignaux 206, Slosson 101. Vignaux's cue ball drew nearly the length of the table for the opening shot of his fourth inning, and stopped at 33 on an easy spread. Slosson had to go around the table and he missed. The French trick on cracked out another big run, making his total 244, and his winning could be easy. At 99 he narrowly missed a simple masse.

Slosson Could Do Nothing in his Next Two Innings.

and Vignaux missed a long one-cushion shot with English in his hand. Slosson's run of 24 in the second was 337 to 111, in his favor. Vignaux caught on again in his seventh inning and pounded out some more stunning billiards. There was very little balk-line in this run, but there was some tremendous execution. The cue ball in this run, except that in the count, could be made the time with long drives and short drives, draws, masses, forces, follows, banks and all the known technique of billiards. Slosson, who saw \$5,000 slipping from his grasp, stood up and watched his downfall with a grim and gloomy countenance. He had finished this run of 174, he was exactly 400 points ahead, 511 to 111. Slosson seemed to feel lighter hearted now that he knew he was beaten, and in the seventh inning he began to play very prettily until he failed on a simple masse. Slosson's cue ball in the eighth inning, Vignaux proceeded to run out the game, having accomplished the greatest record ever known at billiards. The game occupied 1:55. The feeling now is that Vignaux has underplayed in practice and that he is undoubtedly the greatest billiard player on earth. Following is the score: Vignaux, 9, 2, 195, 32, 99, 174, 99; total, 690; average, 7.5; highest runs, 195, 174. Slosson, 101, 24, 101, 101, 101, 101, 101; total, 136; average, 19.67; highest run, 77. Wayman McCreery of St. Louis, referee in the billiard-tournament, and Capt. A. C. Conlan of the Chicago ball club, played a billiard match to-night at the billiard hall, for \$50 a side at Slosson's rooms to-day. Anson won by a score of 900 to 200. To-morrow afternoon Carter is to play Anson 50 points, three-cushion caroms, Carter betting \$300 against \$100 that he will win.

Between Wilson and Lannan.

One of the largest crowds that was ever inside the Olympic theater was that of last evening, which went to see the four-round sparring match between Billy Wilson of the Wilson-Cardiff fight and Joe Lannan of the Lannan-Killen fight two weeks ago. Pat Conley was all smiles, possibly from the fatness of the finances, and before the show was over had his manager, Ed Hilton, announce a contest to take place there this evening between Barnes and Hadley for a gold medal to be presented by Conley. After the usual performance had ended, Ed Hilton, who acted as master of ceremonies, introduced Billy Wilson, whose appearance was received with applause. He was stripped, and although almost a model in build it could be seen he was in no condition to do any heavy sparring, especially if it was to be of long duration. Lannan, who next made his appearance, was in better form, only having gone out of training recently. All expected to see Wilson do about as pleased with Lannan. But in this respect they were disappointed. Lannan showed the same inclination to face matters as he did in his fight with Killen. There appeared, however, to be an understanding between them, and when either would get in a lick the other would close in and knock him down. Wilson is a very clever dodger, and quite often fooled Lannan, whose fist would go completely over him. In the last round Lannan had the advantage, as Wilson was completely fagged and all the former had to do was to throw out his knuckers, which would find a resting place each time. The sparring match altogether was hardly what was expected it would be.

The Sparring Match to-night will most probably be more of a slugging match for gore.

Will Accommodate Sands.

To the Sporting Editor of the Globe: I noticed in this morning's paper that John Sands is anxious to meet me in a four-round glove contest or to a finish. Queensberry rules to govern, and has a forfeit of \$25 up to back what he says. I am an amateur, but I would like to meet and place suitable to him and sign any agreement he likes to make, to fight him in any way for fun or the receipts of the house. It is my opinion that Sands is looking for notoriety and if that is what he wants I can accommodate him. I came to St. Paul to work and not to fight. I have no friends in the city and never stated that I wanted to fight Sands, but I see he wants fight and he can have it.

John L.'s Program.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 20.—John L. Sullivan, in pugilist, has signed a con-

tract here this week with John Cannon of New York, under whose management he agrees to make a tour of Europe and Australia next year. He is anxious to meet any man who may be brought against him at any time, under any circumstances, with or without gloves, and under any rules.

Mr. Searle Steps Out.

His Resignation as United States District Attorney for Minnesota Accepted.

Speaker Carlisle Gives His Idea on the Subject of Changing the House Rules.

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GROWING DISPIRITED.

The Servians Much Cast Down by Their Recent Defeats by the Exasperated Bulgarians.

Prince Alexander and His Followers Succeeded in Driving Them Back to Dragoman.

Late Reports Showing the Bulgarians to Be Rapidly Gaining the Ascendency.

Turkish Troops Massing at Salonica, Maintaining Secrecy in Their Movements.

In a Panic.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Official admissions from Belgrade show that a panic exists there. The siege of Widin has been raised and Gen. Leschjanin, who with his division has been carrying on the siege, is now marching to assist King Milan. Servians have become dispirited over their recent reverses. The following are additional details of the panic, and even in the study of the tariff she is quite as well "up" as William himself. She assists him very much in his work, both in his correspondence and in preparation of his speeches on the tariff and other important subjects.

To Simplify the Customs Service.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Assistant Secretary Fairchild, at the request of the president and a large conference with him with regard to operations of the customs laws and condition of the service under its present organization, it is understood the president will make several important recommendations to congress in his forthcoming message, looking to a general simplification and improvement of the customs service, and to the prevention of many abuses and frauds which exist under the present system.

Mr. Fairchild has suggested a new branch of the service and the president sent him so as to secure the benefit of his experience and observation. It is said the president will pursue the same practical course in obtaining information upon other subjects.

Cadets and the Training Ships.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Capt. Ramsey, superintendent of the navy academy, in his annual report to the secretary of the navy recommends that permits for admission as cadets be issued one year prior to the time fixed for examination, and renews the recommendation that all candidates for admission be required to report for examination on the 15th of May. The number of cadets to go on the next practice cruise renders it necessary that a ship to take the place of the Dale shall be fitted out for a practice ship and sent to Annapolis by May. It will, says Capt. Ramsey, be impossible to have the practice ships ready to receive required instructions with only one practice ship. He recommends that selection for the line engineer corps and marine corps be made at the end of the four years' cruise, instead of the six years' cruise.

Fish Ponds in Hard Luck.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—There is to be a desperate effort this session to choke off the would-be improver of small creeks and fishing ponds. The numerous river and harbor conventions held in various parts of the country, which have urged upon congress the propriety of giving more attention to large projects and less to small ones, are evidently having their effect. Incoming statesmen say frankly that they hope to see the next river and harbor bill deal with the improvement of the Mississippi and streams and fishing ponds for the present, at least.

Mr. Smith Starts In.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Assistant Secretary Smith of the treasury has returned to Washington from New York, and formally assumed the duties of his office to-day. He was designated by Secretary Manning to sign treasury warrants and to perform all the other duties which had been assigned to his predecessor, Mr. Coon, including the supervision, under the direction of the secretary, of questions relating to appointments. He will also be designated by the president to act as secretary in the absence of the secretary and to assist Secretary Fairchild.

Speaker Carlisle Better.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Speaker Carlisle's condition is very much improved. He was able to leave his bed to-day.

Three Romantic Marriages.

SALEM, Ill., Nov. 20.—Three romantic marriages have recently occurred, the brides all hailing from Kimbudy, this county. Miss Alzora Porter was called on by Charles Dennis, who asked her to take a ride. She consented. On the way to Salem he said: "What's the matter with getting married?" She said: "Nothing."

Near midnight, Rev. Mr. Rosenroft was awakened, and invited the drop the smallest of his household goods. She went.

Parrell's Manifesto.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Mr. Parrell to-day issued a manifesto to the Irish voters of Great Britain. He urges them to vote with the Conservatives in the coming election.

The Greeks Want War.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—A dispatch to the Times says: "Greece is expected to open hostilities by means of a naval exploit almost hourly."

Parrell's Man Defeated.

DUBLIN, Nov. 20.—Mr. Parrell, having ordered a re-election in Dundalk for delegates to the Nationalists' convention of the South, because the four delegates were in favor of Mr. Collan for member of parliament, an election was held to-night which resulted in favor of the Collan delegates by majorities of 5 to 1. Mr. Parrell's candidate is Joseph Nolan, manager of the Music hall, Liverpool.

Re-elected Its Present Officers.

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—Parliament to-day re-elected the president and vice president of the last reichstag. The Polish members gave notice that they should question the government in regard to the expulsion of Poles from East Prussia. The Conservatives introduced a proposal for the holding of expellee parliaments.

Expelled a German-American.

FLUESBURG, Prussia, Nov. 20.—A German-American named Bielman, a locomotive engineer, has been expelled from this place by the authorities.

Foreign Flashes.

The conference of the managers of the Atlantic cable companies, which was held in New York, has been adjourn