

VERY LATEST ACCOUNTS SHORT.

A Providence Bank Officer Heavy Defaulter.

Death of a Familiar Washington Federal Officer.

Cardinal Gibbons Believes in Labor Organizations.

Other News Brought by the Telegraph.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30.—William A. Bennett, teller for the Globe National bank, has been found to be a defaulter, to the amount of \$20,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—EX-Vice President Morton had a toe amputated, on account of the gout, a few days ago in Paris, and the operation has greatly alleviated his sufferings.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—James K. Fisher, assistant librarian of congress since 1876, died this morning.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Gibbons is quoted as saying that all workmen should organize. He thinks strikes necessary in some instances.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Shoek now leads the bicyclers by 31 miles.

LANDED, Wyo., Dec. 30.—There is great excitement here over the non-arrival of the mail and passenger coach from Rawlins, which was due here Thursday noon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The operators of the Kidd mines, west of this place, on the Baltimore and Ohio road, have posted notices of a 10 per cent. reduction to go into effect Jan. 1. The men will resist the reduction and a strike may ensue.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 30.—Adjutant General Orendorf has made his annual report to the adjutant general of the United States army regarding the strength and condition of the Illinois National guard to Dec. 31, 1893.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Sarah A. Cleveland was burned to death at Lawrence, Ga. She fell asleep before the fire and the flames caught her dress. Her brother, who lived next door, ran to the house and stumbled over the corpse in the hallway.

MARTINS FERRY, O., Dec. 30.—The Elm, Standard and Laughlin iron and steel mills and Spence & Son's foundry have all resumed, giving employment to 1,300 men. The prospects for a long and steady run are considered good.

"Blind Tom," the musical prodigy, besides being the support of Mrs. Bethune, in whose family he was born a slave, is now called on to pay a claim of \$3,000 on account of a deceased Washington lawyer who undertook to break the decree of court which made Mrs. Bethune his legal guardian.

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RAILWAY RECEIVERSHIPS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A rather interesting question will come up in the house in the course of the session regarding railroads in the hands of a receiver. The matter will arise in the house judiciary committee, when certain bills that have been introduced are discussed. One of these is by Representative Latimer of South Carolina, who wished to enact a law which will allow his state to sue and collect about \$200,000 taxes from the Richmond and Danville road. Another bill limits the time which a road shall be in the hands of a receiver to three years, at which time if there is no settlement it must be sold. The argument against the unlimited time for receiverships to run is that often they are conducted with great detriment to the parties interested in the company and have been used from time to time to freeze out certain stockholders.

Another objectionable feature to some is that all interstate roads come wholly under the control of United States courts and no action can be taken by state courts looking to their regulation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Notwithstanding the senate committee on foreign relations has suspended for the holiday week its public investigation into the diplomatic relations of this country with Hawaii, the members of the committee are pursuing their inquiries and have been ransacking the public libraries for books bearing upon the little island kingdom. There will be other questions of international character requiring the attention of this committee. If Mr. Thurston succeeds in organizing a republic on the islands, or if the form of government is changed in any way some recognition of it by the United States will become necessary, as it would if the queen should rescind the throne.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Contrary to the general impression, the number of complaints of victims of green goods swindlers now being made to the postoffice department is unusually small. There are still, however, many complaints in course of investigation by Postoffice Inspector Anthony Comstock, to whom are referred all green goods cases.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Cleveland and his party have returned to Washington.

NOT A PROMISING OUTLOOK.

BRADSTREET'S DOESN'T SEE MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BUSINESS MEN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Bradstreet says: An absolute decline in the volume of general trade this week, the week in the year in which dullness in wholesale circles is most conspicuous, merely emphasizes conditions previously reported. Stock trading calls for considerable attention on the part of many who might otherwise be on the road. With few exceptions holiday trade has been disappointing. Restriction of production in industrial lines continues as severe as heretofore noted, the tendency being to add to rather than subtract from the total number of wage earners in enforced idleness throughout the country.

In the more important lines of manufacture of textiles and metals restrictions of output within the past six months have ranged from 25 to 40 per cent., the larger share of which is still maintained. Exports of wheat and flour, as wheat from both coasts of the United States and Canada amount to 2,500,000 bushels this week, a total one-quarter less than the week before, and one-third smaller than in the closing week one year ago and two years ago. Business is fair at Detroit, except where sales are checked by mild weather, but the reverse is true at Indianapolis, where no activity is expected until after Jan. 10.

Business prevails at Louisville, and at Chicago there is a further falling off in volume in almost all lines, the reduction for the year being about 18 per cent. Gains in the early part of the year are more than offset in the latter portion, losses from bad debts cutting a considerable figure. Milwaukee jobbers continue to buy for want only, and on as near a cash basis as possible. St. Louis maintains relatively better trade, although reduced in volume, than at some other commercial centers. Little is doing at Kansas City, involving being the order of the day, and at Omaha the transactions are smaller than in the preceding week.

IS COLGATE ALIVE!

Letter Found in a Bottle Saying He Still Lives and Asks Aid.

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DEATH IS HIS DOOM

Prendergast Voted Sufficiently Sane to Stretch Hemp.

GUILTY OF MURDER AS CHARGED.

So Says the Jury That Tried Mayor Harrison's Assassin—He Nearly Collapses When He Hears His Fate—What the Judge Said About the Insanity Plea—The Inevitable Motion for a New Trial—Some Comments on the Verdict.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Prendergast, the murderer of Carter H. Harrison, will be hanged for his crime. The verdict of the jury said it, and the people of Chicago approve it. Ably defended as the assassin was and strong as the evidence adduced to save his neck has been the jury found him sane, responsible for his act and demanded that he pay the highest penalty. This, however, is a sorry value compared to the life of Carter Harrison. Nothing since the commission of his crime so irritated Prendergast as the comparison between himself and Guiteau, but in the court room he showed one trace that existed in common between them. He proved himself an unmanly, miserable coward, who would have life at any price; only let it be life. When Clerk Fitzgerald arose to read the finding of the jury the prisoner stood clutching the back of a chair, his face flushed and knees trembling violently.

Came Very Near Collapsing. "We jury find the defendant, Patrick Eugene John Prendergast, guilty of murder in manner and form charged in the indictment, and fix the penalty at death," read Fitzgerald. Then Prendergast revealed himself an utter coward. His face turned pale, he opened his mouth to speak but only a faint murmur came. He moved slightly and would have fallen but for the assistance of the bailiff. When the jury was polled he listened with avidity to each and every answer to Judge Brennan's question, and as each juror in turn reiterated the verdict the last vestige of courage left Prendergast. He was half dead, half cranked back to his cell, where, refusing to speak, he threw himself upon his bank in an attempt to hide from his fellow prisoners, whose expressions of satisfaction over the verdict were more emphatic than sacred and more sincere than polite.

Points from Judge Brennan's Charge. Judge Brennan's charge to the jury defining the degree of insanity or delusion that would require a verdict of acquittal, after explaining the term "express malice" proceeded as follows: "The court instructs the jury that if they believe, from the evidence in the case, that at the time of doing the act charged the prisoner was not of sound mind, but was affected with insanity, and that such insanity was the efficient cause of act, and that he would not have done the act but for that affection, then he ought to be acquitted. But the court further instructs the jury that this unsoundness of mind, or affection of insanity, must be of such a degree as to create an uncontrollable impulse to do the act charged, by overriding the reason and judgment and obliterating the sense of right and wrong as to the particular act done and depriving the accused of the power of choosing between them."

Must Be Mentally Irresponsible. The court added that a man might be insane on one or more subjects and sane on all others, and that under such circumstances he might commit a crime for which he would not be responsible. It was insisted, however, that in order to make a plea of insanity stand it was necessary that the mental irresponsibility should be fully established. The form of insanity made no difference in the case, so long as the accused was not responsible for his acts.

The Matter of a Delusion. "If," said the court, "the jury believe from the evidence that the defendant was laboring under a delusion that it was his duty to mankind to commit the deed for the benefit of mankind, and to prevent the slaughter of individuals on account of the railroad tracks not being raised, and that he, the defendant, believed in his delusion at the time of the killing, they must acquit him, provided it was believed from the evidence that at the time of the shooting of Carter Harrison the defendant was under the impulse of such delusion to such an extent that it was uncontrollable."

WHAT IS SAID OF THE VERDICT. General Opinion that It Was About the Correct Thing. The jury was about an hour arriving at its verdict, and as soon as the result was officially declared the defendant's counsel made the usual motion for a new trial, which will be heard at a date to be fixed later. In an interview Attorney Trade said: "The conviction of this man will, in my opinion, operate as a deterrent against the commission of like crimes by morose and loving cranks. Since the trial of Prendergast has been in progress cranks have arisen all over the country, threatening mayors, chiefs of departments and men of means. This verdict will operate as a life insurance policy on their safety." The opinion of Chicago citizens generally is expressed in what Trade said.

"Please ask the gentlemen to excuse me. I would prefer not to see or talk with anybody tonight." This was the verbal response of Prendergast as he sat in his cell to a written message to the effect that the Associated Press would be pleased to receive any statement he might be disposed to make. Just inside the cell he sat, while outside was posted the death watch. If the prisoner had any conception of the real significance of this extra watch he gave no sign. He appeared perfectly at ease, with not a trace of excitement, distress or anxiety upon his features, having had five hours to regain composure since the verdict was rendered.

A few minutes after he was placed in the cell his brother John was admitted. The brothers grasped hands and neither spoke for a time. Then John said: "Don't lose hope Gene, we will do all we can for you." Later the assassin's lawyers called and did what they could to cheer him up. Today Prendergast was given a cell in murderer's row and will have for nearest neighbors Painter and Higgins, two men under death sentence for murder.

The members of the late mayor's family were apparent expecting such a verdict as

was given and seemed to derive but little satisfaction from the fact that the murderer was to die for his crime, feeling only that justice had been done. Carter H. Harrison, Jr., one of the proprietors of The Times, in discussing the verdict, said: "I am not surprised at the verdict because to my mind there was never the least doubt as to the man's legal responsibility when he committed the act."

Opinion of Chauncey Depew. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Chauncey M. Depew when called on and informed that Prendergast had been convicted and sentenced to death, said: "The verdict is very gratifying to me, and should be so to every citizen, as a vindication of the supremacy of the law. It is a verdict which does great credit to Chicago and demonstrates, as did her action in the case of the anarchists, her fearless and determined effort to make her municipality safe for life and property. That is all I have got to say."

Commended at Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Among the members of the Illinois delegation in the city the result of the Prendergast trial at Chicago was discussed freely and was generally commended. Vice President Stevenson, in speaking of the verdict, said: "The verdict of guilty was universally expected, and seems to be just." This was the opinion of all the gentlemen interviewed.

A Crank, But Responsible. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Dr. Selden H. Talcott, who gave medical expert testimony in the Guiteau trial, said: "I think Prendergast was a crank. His mind was unbalanced, but I think he should be held responsible for his crime. The laws should be so amended as to cover cases of this kind."

FRESNO IS 'ALL TORE UP.' The Escape of Chris Evans Creates Intense Excitement.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 30.—Fresno is up in arms and the whole country is excited. The escape of Chris Evans created such intense excitement in Fresno that few men slept. Evans was to have been taken yesterday to the state penitentiary to begin serving a life term for the murder of Vic Wilson. Though the recent gun-fights at Visalia and in the foothills left him crippled in one arm and blind in one eye, the bandit is still able to make a hard fight. Probably 500 men are now scouring the San Joaquin valley in pursuit of the fugitives. Sheriff's posse and volunteer forces have gone in every direction.

It is learned that Morrell, who played the wailer and caused Evans' release, is a detective and has been in Evans' service for several months. He was a prisoner in the jail three months beginning Sept. 22, and it is now thought that he managed to get in jail just for the purpose of releasing Evans. In an interview Under Sheriff Perry, who has charge of the posse, said: "We have men searching all the way from Visalia to Madera. Our orders are to guard every avenue to the mountains and leave no possible trail open. Once the fugitives reach the mountains all hope of their immediate capture will be at an end."

When the escape became known men rushed to hardware and gun stores, where they seized rifles and ammunition as if the stores were a public arsenal. As fast as men could get horses and guns one posse followed another into the foothills. The machinery of the Southern Pacific railroad was also put into motion. In an incredibly short time engines and cars were run out and a train bearing many determined citizens started in the direction of the mountains.

This posse seems to have gone in the right direction for it has found Cochran's team which the fugitives took from here. It appears that the escape was very carefully planned and evidently young Morrell and Mrs. Evans had many accomplices. The conspirators planned to get nearly all the sheriff's men out of the city. Sheriff Scott was in Los Angeles. All the deputy sheriffs were then decoyed away. About the time of the jail delivery there were a number of runaways down town to attract the attention of the people away from the jail.

Spirited horses and wagon were waiting for the fugitives on the street, but in the shooting affray in which Marshal Morgan was shot the horses becoming frightened, broke their hitching straps and dashed away. The police have arrested two girls and a boy, brother and sisters, named Hutchinson, ranging in age from 18 to 23 years, at whose house Morrell had boarded. All are suspected of being implicated in the jail delivery and the younger girl has made damaging statements.

Was a Murderous Sort of Crank. GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 30.—A long-haired crank giving his name as Buckley, from Perry, called at the executive office and asked to see Governor Renfrow. Mr. Blance, the school land commissioner, occupied the room he entered. To Blance the man said he had been pressed for an appointment and now they were trying to send him to an insane asylum. He was arrested. He was armed with a six-shooter and a murderous dirk and had arsenic enough in a phial to kill ten men. He admitted that if the governor had not taken his own life.

Contagion. Some of the diseases which flesh is heir to are contagious in every sense of the word. A contact so slight that it does not reach even skin contact, but merely contact with the air which smallpox patients breathe, is sufficient to cause smallpox in man. So, too, mediate contact—that is to say, the handling by the well of material touched by the sick—has been proved to be the cause of many diseases, of which erysipelas and scarlet fever may be cited as examples. The products of certain other diseases—typhoid fever, for example—require to be taken into the economy to become maleficent. Still others, such as glanders, must be introduced into the blood current itself before they are dangerous. These facts have been proved by long observation and are not to be disputed.

—Baltimore Sun. One Natchez was taken to West Superior, Wis., from Norfolk, Va., at the expense of the county, to explain why spectacles for which he had taken orders and pay were not delivered. The glasses have now begun to come along.

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