

TOO MUCH SPEED.

Why the Cincinnati Ran Aground.

FINDINGS OF THE COURT.

The Pilot Was the Most to Blame.

BUT THE CAPTAIN IS CENSURED.

He Did Not Leave the Vessel in Command of the Proper Officer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Secretary Herbert has made public the findings of the court of inquiry in the case of the cruiser Cincinnati off Execution Rock, Long Island Sound, and his own action in the matter.

The court found that when the vessel neared the point where she struck, Captain Glass was obliged to leave the deck orders to the navigator, Lieutenant S. C. Gillingham and pilot B. F. Arcularist and the officer of the deck, Ensign Roger Wells Jr., governing them during his absence and leaving Dillingham, assisted by the pilot in charge of the navigation of the vessel. The ship was then headed on a safe course.

The grounding is represented as due to an error in the judgment of the pilot, who is one of the oldest and most experienced in New York, and of the navigator in estimating the distance of the ship from the United States shoals, on which she struck. The pilot's error caused the grounding, and contributing in a less degree to the results were the established facts:

The speed of the ship was not reduced by the navigator on approaching the shoals, remaining too great for accurate soundings; that the officer of the deck neglected to station a leadman on the port side and that the captain on leaving the deck did not place in charge the officer next in line of rank.

The court was of the opinion that further proceedings should be had in the case of Pilot Arcularist, Captain Glass, Lieutenant Dillingham and Ensign Wells, but as it did not see fit to proceed with the case of the latter, the court recommended that the interest of the service do not require the trial of any of the officers. In endorsing the record Secretary Herbert emphasizes the fact that the presence of a pilot does not relieve officers of responsibility, and says it is clear that the same degree of caution was not exercised by the officers in navigating the ship as if there had been no pilot on board. He finds that the captain was particularly censurable for continuing to run his ship at such high speed in confined waters.

STAMP ALBUMS.

No More of Them Will Be Allowed to Be Printed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The opinion of the Solicitor of the Treasury to the effect that it is unlawful to have in possession or to use plates for the printing of postage stamps in the similitude of those issued by foreign Governments will be acted upon at once.

No more so-called stamp albums containing stamps of these kinds will be allowed to be printed, and the cuts from which these are printed will be seized. It is an astonishing fact that the penalty imposed by law for the counterfeiting of foreign stamps is more severe than for counterfeiting United States stamps.

In the case of foreign stamps the penalty is not less than two or more than ten years' imprisonment, while for the counterfeiting of United States stamps the penalty is a fine of not more than \$500 or not more than five years' imprisonment or both. The United States courts might impose a fine of \$1 or one day's imprisonment for violations of our law and come within the law, while the minimum penalty as to foreign stamps is two years' imprisonment.

STRUCK A CARRIAGE.

Serious Accident Caused by Switching a Passenger Coach.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific passenger coach, being switched into the Rock Island depot this evening, crashed into a carriage at a crossing. Five persons were badly injured, as follows:

Mrs. C. Christina of Chicago, injured internally; left cheek badly cut; bruised about the body.

Mrs. R. Christina of Canada, injured internally; seriously bruised and cut on right shoulder, both arms and cheek.

Miss Bertha Christina, cut and bruised; prostrated by the shock.

Miss Jennie Christina, injured internally; left shoulder bruised and cut on the hand, neck and head; suffered greatly from the shock.

Denais O'Connor, driver, severely injured internally and badly cut and bruised. The accident was caused by the gate man's slowness in putting down the gate.

ATTACKED BY TOUGHS.

But He Made Quick Use of His Revolver.

DEED OF FIENDS.

Brutal Murder of a Man and Wife.

ROBBERY WAS THE MOTIVE.

Sacramento Horror-Stricken by the Crime.

MURDERERS HAVE ESCAPED.

The Victims Were Known to Have Had a Large Sum of Money in the House at the Time.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 30.—This community was last night the scene of one of the most fiendish crimes ever committed here. An old and esteemed grocery merchant, F. H. L. Webber, and his elderly wife were brutally butchered in their comfortable home, which was plundered by the murderer or murderers.

As there is no clew to the perpetrators of the deed, and so many hours had elapsed between the time of the commission of the deed and its discovery, the fiends have had time enough to jump an outgoing train and be 200 miles away.

That the motive was robbery there is no doubt. Webber did a large retail business at Thirteenth and L streets, opposite Capitol Park, and was regarded as being quite well off. Singular to say, however, he had no account at any of the banks, and is supposed to have kept a considerable sum of money about his house. He and his wife lived alone in the second story of the building in which he conducted his business. Yesterday was railroad pay-day in this city, and among Webber's customers were many railroad employes. Just how much money he had secreted about his house is not known, but his store daybook shows that his receipts yesterday were \$335. This is gone. In fact, not a cent was found to-day in the rooms occupied by the grocer and his wife, although the safe downstairs was not molested. Everything upstairs, however, was overhauled by the murderers.

The first that was known about the crime was about 11 o'clock to-day, when Webber's married son, Luther, went to the store. Seeing some blood on the floor, and finding that it had leaked through the ceiling, he hastened upstairs to ask his father what it meant. He was nearly paralyzed on entering the kitchen in the rear to find both his parents lying dead on the floor, their clothing torn from their bodies in places and their heads gashed and crushed by blows from an ax. The kitchen and back porch looked like a slaughter pen. As nearly as can be judged from the condition of things and the position of the bodies, Webber and his wife had been sitting up quite late. Webber had evidently gone upon the back porch, where he was struck down with the ax and brutally murdered. His body was then, or later on, dragged into the kitchen. Mrs. Webber had evidently heard the noise and started through the hallway toward the kitchen, when she encountered the murderer and turned back, for the back of her head was split wide open by the blade of the ax. Again and again was the fiendish act repeated, and the heads and faces of the victims present a horrible appearance.

The ax with which the deed was done was taken from a woodpile in the rear of the building, and was found to-day covered with the blood and brains of the murdered couple. The murderer—if there was but one—must have been dripping with the blood of his victims, as blood-marks were found even on the front fence of the open lot adjoining the store, where he or they climbed over. This fact may probably lead to the detection of the fiends.

It is apparent that whoever did the deed knew something about Webber's business and methods, but thus far suspicion does not rest on any particular person or persons.

SEVERAL VESSELS LOST.

Details of the Storm Come in Slowly.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Norwegian ship Frex, Captain Hansen, from Darien, while riding at anchor off Troon was dismasted. Her crew was taken off in a lifeboat. The boat capsized and one man was drowned. The British bark Bonita, Captain Thomas, from Galveston, was run into off Falmouth this morning by the schooner Carrie Harvey and was damaged.

A dispatch from Londonderry says nothing has been heard of the Mississippi and Dominion line steamer Sarna, which lost her rudder at sea, and which, after being taken in tow, was dropped about 130 miles west of Tory Island in heavy weather.

Owing to the gale in the English Channel the Ostend mail steamer was unable to leave Dover to-day.

A coasting schooner was dismasted off Cromer. Four lifeboats started out to rescue her crew. It was extremely dangerous for the lifeboats to approach her, and twelve hours elapsed before the crew was taken off and landed.

The storm inland has done some damage. Trains have been blocked by heavy snowdrifts, and in many places in Scotland the telegraph wires are down.

GALES IN GERMANY.

Parts of Cuxhaven and Hamburg Have Been Flooded.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Gales, accompanied by snow, prevail in Northern Germany. An unusually high tide in the river Elbe has flooded the low-lying parts of Cuxhaven and Hamburg. Two bodies have been washed ashore in the lower Elbe. Enormous damage has been done along the north seacoasts. Many vessels, badly damaged, have been towed into Bremerhaven.

Sunk in a Collision.

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 30.—The British steamer Yorkford, from Palermo for New York, has arrived with some of her plates damaged. She reports having been in collision with the French bark Marie Louise. The bark was so badly damaged that she sank. Five of her crew were drowned.

Prisoners Escape.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 30.—All the prisoners confined in the county jail of Person County, have made their escape. They were able to secure their liberty by cutting through the iron floor of the cage and then tunneling through the brick wall. The Sheriff is in close pursuit.

Newfoundland Banknote Bill.

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, Dec. 30.—The President's casting vote only carried the Government's banknote bill through the Upper House. The debate continued until 2 o'clock this morning. Amend-

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The physicians who attended the wounded man say the first shot will not necessarily prove fatal, but Boole's chances of recovery are not considered very bright. The shooting was over a woman, Boole's wife.

The harnessmaker was married to the daughter of the proprietress of the lodging-house where the affray occurred. About a month ago he separated from her, claiming that she was not true to him, and accused Eldridge of having alienated her affections. This afternoon Boole came to the lodging-house and inquired for Eldridge. He was shown to the latter's room. There he found Eldridge engaged in writing a letter, and sitting in the room with him was Mrs. Boole.

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Men Who Did Fast Bicycle-Riding During the Year.

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Several Tramps Who Resisted Arrest Were Badly Used Up.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 30.—The post-office at Curran, Sangamon County, which is kept in a general store, was burglarized at an early hour this morning and robbed of a quantity of stamps. The authorities in this city were notified, and knowing that an army of tramps were camped at the Wabash and Chicago and Alton junction, a force of policemen were sent out to investigate, on the idea that the burglars might be among them. The tramps resisted and a battle ensued in which clubs and stones were freely used. Several of the tramps were badly beaten and eight were captured and brought to this city. The others, numbering about ten, escaped.

Change of Bishop Marty.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 30.—Archbishop Ireland to-day received the formal announcement from Rome of the removal of Bishop Marty from Sioux Falls, Dak., to the Bishopric of St. Cloud, Minn., succeeding Bishop Zamberti, who was made an Archbishop of Buzhrest. Bishop Marty's successor at Sioux Falls has not yet been appointed.

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STORMS IN THE NORTH.

A Heavy Snowslide Tears Away a Dwelling-House.

SISSON, Cal., Dec. 30.—A heavy storm visited this section again on Saturday, and has continued throughout the whole of Sunday. Rain and blinding snow have alternated, and the eight feet of snow now on the ground is packed as hard as ice. The Southern Pacific Company's rotary plow has been repaired, and is kept moving up and down the line between Dunsmuir and the summit, followed by the flanger, which cleans the ice out between the rails.

Last night the snow from the Mount Shasta pharmacy slid off the roof, crushing in a dwelling belonging to T. B. Hunter. The extent of the damage has not been ascertained. If the storm continues many private dwellings will succumb to the heavy snow and rain.

YOUNG LADY DROWNED.

Mother and Son Narrowly Escape a Watery Grave.

UKIAH, Dec. 30.—Miss Lou Shoemaker, a young lady aged about 18, was drowned this morning in Russian River about three miles north of this city. Deceased was employed as governess in the family of Thomas Howard. In company with her mistress and a little child she was on the way to church in this city.

In crossing the river the horses got beyond their depth and the wagon overturned. Miss Shoemaker sank almost immediately. In her frantic efforts to rescue her child, which had slipped from her grasp and was floating down the stream, Mrs. Howard reached shallow water. The body of Miss Shoemaker was found this afternoon about half a mile from the scene of the accident.

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No other property whatever advanced here last year, and the farther from the city center the greater was the fall. All property having future business prospects, no matter how certain that future was, "To-day has no speculation in those eyes which once glared with a feverish light at the prospect of a boom, and we may equally say that there was not a trace of speculation in the eyes or calculations of buyers of city real estate in 1894.

It is especially characteristic of a boom market to let it drop as much too low as it was previously too high.

Meaningful dwelling property, meaning by that lots previously worth \$2000 to \$4000, suffered in price last year. Lots of that class, which sold for the figures named in the year ago, are now sold at \$1500 to \$3000. This fall is due to two causes: credit sales then boomed such lots into the air, and the city's speculative business has been put upon the market in subdivisions as there was any real need of the market was, in short, very active and energetic, and it will take five or six years yet of pretty rapid city growth to build up these localities, which are yet largely vacant. Meaningful business lots, on the other hand, advanced with about ten years' credit natural advance in price; the victims, therefore, were not the speculative, but the many of the suns they paid. Three to five years of the ten have already run. But for cable and electric roads, which have given rapid communication to these suburbs, and the money would have fallen in price much more than they have done during the past four very dull years.

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General Booth's Prowess.

TACOMA, Dec. 30.—All-day services were held by local and visiting salvationists at the Ninth-street Theater in honor of General Booth's visit. The general addressed three large audiences. This evening ten new members joined the army and eight others joined this afternoon.

Socialist Elected.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 30.—M. Smeets, a Socialist, has been elected a member of the Chamber of Deputies, receiving a large majority over his Catholic opponent.

THE FRENCH BRIDE

Does Not Assume White Satin if Her Family is in Mourning.

When a French bride marries she does not assume the hymeneal white satin, as is our custom, if her family or her husband's are in mourning, but goes to the altar in simple white muslin, as M. Ernest Carnot's bride did a few weeks ago. Though in view of the late President's death it seemed somewhat soon for the wedding, Mrs. Carnot herself wished that she should take place as it accordingly did, but with so much privacy that not even a single relative, except those immediately connected with the young people, was informed.

The bride's family wore costumes of pale gray and violet, while the Carnot ladies were, of course, in deepest mourning. Mile. Chris was an especial favorite with the late M. Carnot and is extremely pretty. She had no ornaments, except a bouquet of white roses, with some fastened into her simple dress. The Lady Chapel of St. Pierre de Passy, where the wedding took place, was adorned with similar flowers, but there were none in any part of the church.—Philadelphia Times.

Scrofulous Taints

Lurk in the blood of almost every one. In many cases they are inherited. Scrofula appears in running sores, bunches, ulcers, cancerous growths, Scrofula can be cured by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great remedy has had wonderful success in curing this disease. Try it. Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25c.

THE NEWS CONFIRMED.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 30.—The latest news of the disastrous fire which occurred at Silver Lake on Christmas eve comes by the Lakeview stage-driver, who says that all reports concerning the holocaust are correct and that one more body was found in the ruins.

Wazeiri Tribesmen Beaten.

BOMBAY, Dec. 30.—Reports just received here indicate that the Wazeiri tribesmen who lately attacked the escort of the Brit-

TELLS A QUEER TALE.

An Ex-Congressman Who Very Suddenly Loses His Mind.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 30.—Ex-Congressman Wait Butler of West Union, Iowa, whose wife had offered a reward for his body on the supposition that he was dead, is here and very much alive.

Butler accidentally notified the reward in a Chicago newspaper and immediately made himself known at a local newspaper office. In explanation of his sudden disappearance from home two months ago he says that on the morning of November 22 he awoke, hearing a trainman call out Indianapolis. He says that from the time he dismissed the school he was teaching in Iowa on November 20 until he arrived here his mind was a perfect blank. He says he at once wrote to his wife, but the letter miscarried.

Butler has been working here as a book agent. He seems to be perfectly sane. When it was suggested that friends here might assist him he said he would not consent to go home on borrowed money, and expressed the determination to stay until he was able to pay his own fare. He referred frequently to his failure to recall any events connected with his leaving home and his trip to this city, but frankly admitted that it was all blank.

"There was no reason whatever," he said, "why I should have left. I have a nice home at West Union, a kind, loving wife and one child, and no man's domestic relations were ever happier than mine have always been. The only way that I can account for the uneasiness was that my letters failed to reach my wife. I made no concealment of my name or place of residence. I called upon Mr. Matthews, Mr. Tazgart and Mr. Bynum, having served with the latter in Congress, and none of them mentioned the fact that my absence from home had caused any comment in any of the papers."

A FEMALE JUSTICE.

But She Got the Office Through a Clerical Error.

PORT DODGE, Iowa, Dec.