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DWIGHT, ILLINOIS.

COLUMBIA LAUNCHED.

UNCLE SAM'S CRACK BOAT IS NOW AFLOAT.

St. Louis Ripped Open for a Thousand Feet—Three Men Killed—Queen Vex Eat Our Fruit and Get Cholera Morbus.

Told in a Few Words.

The Mill Creek sewer, the largest in St. Louis, was wrecked Tuesday afternoon by an explosion of sewer gas and three men killed. The first explosion occurred immediately under the wholesale liquor house of Carl E. Fuchs, which stood directly over the sewer, and was followed an instant later by an upheaval a hundred feet higher east across Third street, the latter explosion completely wrecking the Iron Mountain Railroad's southern yards, and extending nearly a thousand feet to the very edge of the river. At Fuchs' liquor house the gas lifted up the basement and first floors of the building, and escaping left the wreckage fall back to the bottom of the creek, where the second and third floors badly shaken, but still in position. Practically 1,000 feet of sewer is an open stream smelling to heaven with its noxious filth and gases. The yards of the Iron Mountain Road are so torn up that no attempt will be made to rebuild. It is large enough to drive two four-horse teams abreast in it. The money loss can not be estimated.

The new United States cruiser, No. 12, was launched at Cramps' ship yard, Philadelphia, Tuesday afternoon in the presence of the president and cabinet. Among those present, besides a number of naval experts, Senators and Representatives and agents of foreign Governments, were Vice President Morton, Secretary Tracy, Assistant Secretary of State Grinnell, Senator Hiscok, Commodore Wilson and Naval Constructors Wilbur and Raymond. Mrs. Morton and Miss Edith Morton. The last named young lady performed in a graceful manner the act of christening the new vessel Columbia.

Edward Lawler, one of five workmen in a Pittsburg, Pa., conduit, caused a terrible explosion by lighting a fuse. The explosion caused the serious injury of all the men and was the result of the lighting of either natural or sewer gas. It can not yet be stated which.

A startling tragedy occurred near Mount Sterling, Ky., Tuesday morning. An unknown desperado stole a horse and started for Lexington, Ky., where he took to the mountains. Jailer Cavanaugh, Stated and Deputies Thomas Howard and George Rayburn started in pursuit and overtook him in a house. They attempted to arrest him, but he began firing, killing both Tipson and Howard and mortally wounding Rayburn. A patrolman came after him. He will be lynched if caught.

The White Star steamship Majestic, from New York for Europe, carries nearly sixty tons of California fruit, being the first consignment of such products ever sent directly from the Pacific coast to England. This expedition was undertaken by the California Fruit Transportation Company. In the consignment is a large box of splendid Bartlett pears, especially selected and packed for Queen Victoria, a similar one for Senator Stanford, who is in Paris, and a box for the editor of the Journal des Debats.

The family of Enoch West of Berkshire, Ky., was poisoned by eating ice cream. Miss Annie Spillman, who was visiting the family, died in awful agony. The other members of the family are suffering, and some are in a dangerous condition.

Pittsburg police Monday arrested Cassin Arnold, on suspicion of the murder of H. C. Frick, a search of Knoid's house unearthed a lot of important anarchistic letters and other documents. Knoid confessed that Bergmann came to him with a letter of introduction from Johann Most.

Great bitterness was aroused Monday between the two sides at a race. Both sides are heavily armed.

At Camden, N. J., James Morton, a negro murderer who was to have been hanged was reprieved by the Governor for thirty days.

It is proposed that about Aug. 1, and for some time thereafter, New Yorkers and others shall have an opportunity to view the metropolis from an altitude of 1,000 feet. The Manhattan Air Ship Company, recently organized under the laws of New York, will begin to carry people into the air as soon as the arrangements can be completed. A balloon, said to be the largest ever brought to this country, will be used. It is sixty feet in diameter, with a basket nine feet in diameter. Twenty-two balloons will be attached to the ground.

North English, Iowa, has been completely destroyed by fire, only two buildings remaining standing. The total loss is \$15,000.

A. McDonald, of Chicago, advertising for a wife to marry on legal paper, and as a result he married Miss Nellie Kelly, a beautiful Kentucky girl.

Willis Griggs, a Trenton, N. J., lad of 11 years, was committed to the County Jail as a common thief because he had entered the garden patch of Frank Holmes, in the neighborhood of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and stolen tomatoes. Holmes had Griggs arrested, and as the boy's father is too poor to furnish bail, the lad was treated as a hardened criminal and rushed off to the County Jail. Lawyer John Backus went before Supreme Court Justice Alfred Reed and stated the facts, and the boy was released on a writ of habeas corpus.

Washington Nathan died in Boulogne, France, aged forty-four. He was the son of Benjamin Nathan, who was mysteriously murdered in his house in New York City in 1870, and many believed that Washington was responsible for the crime. He led a fast life.

The West Farnham Beet Sugar Company of Montreal has failed, with liabilities of \$60,000 and assets of \$9,000.

Edward Parker Deacon, imprisoned for shooting Abelle at Nice, has been refused pardon. It is said that he will be expelled from France upon his release from prison.

Eliza Knight, the Brooklyn woman arrested at Boston in an action of tort, has been identified as Ellen H. Peck, the notorious confidence woman who tried to fleece J. P. Rabbit, the soap man, out of \$200,000, and had been arrested in various other shady transactions.

CRIME AND CASUALTY.

At Clove and Harlow, near Kingston, Ont., many buildings destroyed and crops were badly damaged by a cyclone.

Shedders have been operating for several days in Ohio and Indiana towns, their methods being to present letters of recommendation and then ask for a check or draft cashed.

An explosion at Coney Island was destroyed by a broken rail and crashed into an iron pole. Several passengers were injured. The car was filled with passengers returning home after a day's merry making at the island.

W. K. Vanderbilt's yacht, the Alva, 285 feet long and valued at \$500,000, was sunk in a collision with the freight steamer Dimnick, while lying in a fog. Mr. Vanderbilt, his party and crew, in all sixty persons, barely made their escape.

Several persons were injured and many buildings were destroyed at the mining town of Pittsburg, Mo., by a tornado which swept over the place.

H. C. Frick, manager of the Carnegie Steel Company, was shot twice and seriously stabbed in his private office at Pittsburg Saturday afternoon. His assailant gave the name of A. Berkman, New York, a private trader in Russian Jew, and was recognized as an anarchist of some local note.

An explosion in York Farm Colliery, near Pottsville, Pa., Saturday, resulted in the death of fifteen miners and the injury of many others.

An explosion occurred at Pouchatoula, La., Friday night between the south-bound passenger train on the Illinois Central and a north-bound freight train. A fruit-packer in the express car and the porter were seriously hurt.

Fred Smith and John Patterson, young men of Brazil, Ind., were made to undergo a military drill at their own expense. They masked themselves thoroughly, strapped two large revolvers to their belts, and armed themselves with two big knives.

They succeeded in scaring several girls in a private house, where they were engaged on an obscure spot where Patterson, dangling a large bowie knife in the air, demanded Smith to throw up his hands. Smith refused to obey his command. Patterson, swearing a terrible oath, struck his victim a savage blow with the knife, falling to the ground. The man then attempted to use the knife, succeeding in cutting Smith in several parts of the body. The last blow he struck before being pulled away sent the weapon into Smith's breast just above the heart. The wound may prove fatal.

M. Chestnut, a wealthy lumberman, was shot from ambush near Monticello, Ark., and fatally injured. The bullet entered his body. The sheriff is looking for the Wisner brothers, who are believed to be the guilty parties.

Friday was a day of horrors in Nebraska. At Chadron, John King killed a German. At Geneva, the sheriff arrested for beating Dr. McDougal, who was charged with having been too intimate with Mrs. Germaine. Sam Proplact fell into a grain elevator at Springfield and had his legs and arms mangled. Near Hooper, Mrs. Miller and her husband's hired hand were killed by lightning. At York, George D. Perkins, 7 years old, killed his 3-year-old sister by blowing her head off with a shotgun that had not been fired for years. Otto Berg was killed by lightning near Oakland. Arthur S. Tatter was overcome by heat in a hay field near Union and died in an hour. Two cases of cholera were reported from different points, but the sufferers will die.

Millard Edwards, a 15-year-old colored boy, was arrested for attempting to wreck an express train at McVey's Station. In the act that Edwards placed on the track was known as the 'Red Cat' and was narrowly escaping derailment. Edwards admitted placing the tie on the track for the purpose of seeing the engine knock it off.

At Asbury Park, N. J., the works of the electric power company were entered by burglars, the watchman assaulted, blind and gagged and the safe blown open and robbed of its contents, some \$5,000.

Marcus Mason, of Boston, made a mistake while entering the Cave of the Winds at Niagara and was thrown under the cataract. His dead body was thrown out below.

John and Charles Ruggles, the California stage robbers, were taken from jail and lynched by a mob at Redding. The action of the mob is said to have been due to the morbid sympathy shown for the outlaws by the women of the town.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Fire at Providence, R. I., destroyed the waste warehouse in which it originated and several tenements adjoining. The loss is \$125,000.

The entire business portion of the town of Rio Vista, Cal., was destroyed by fire Thursday. Loss, \$150,000; insurance, \$20,000.

At St. Louis the Waters-Peirce oil warehouses were destroyed by fire. The warehouses were located at 14th and Grand streets, and were a big loss.

Monday, about 2 p. m., a fire started from a spark from a tuz in a South Bay City (Mich.) lumber yard. For five hours the flames raged, the fire departments from Saginaw and Detroit, combined with the local fire department, but the fire was not extinguished until the burning buildings were burned, and the property loss exceeds a million dollars. It was the greatest fire in the history of the Saginaw valley.

Two houses that stand in the midst of acres of acres of standing heaps of ashes and ruins are all that was left of Iron River, Wis., by the fire that swept over it Sunday night. Fifteen hundred people are homeless and without food, and one of the most prosperous milling villages in Wisconsin is utterly destroyed. Aid was telegraphed for from the surrounding towns, but the first dispatches were followed almost immediately by others saying that nothing could save the town. The towns that were asked for help to stop the fire are now furnishing food and other necessities for the starving. The property loss is estimated to be \$2,000,000. The financial loss by the destruction of the village is over \$200,000, with scarcely any insurance.

Lightning struck a building in Carhage, N. Y., and a conflagration followed, burning the building and the surrounding Carhage was almost totally destroyed by fire in 1885.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mel Goldheim, of Goldheim & Wornser, clothing merchants of Chicago, has died at Danison, Iowa, of heat prostration.

Mother Caroline, head and founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the United States, died at the Milwaukee convent Friday.

At York, Pa., Mrs. Elizabeth J. Landis, aged about 65 years, died suddenly at her home. Her son, Dr. Harvey Landis, recently had a balance of trade amounting to \$219,000 in Canada's favor. Only once before, in 1880, has the volume of exports exceeded the imports in the history of the Dominion. There has been a decrease of nearly \$5,000,000 in duty collected, mainly attributable to the removal of the duties on sugar.

The first woman ever confined in the Suffolk County, Massachusetts, jail, on a charge of procuring a large sum of money, Brooklyn, N. Y. She is a smart business woman, who carries around with her in a green bag documents representing property to the value of millions, scattered all over the United States. She is constantly being sought by the police, but she is never known to give or receive money. She is an out-and-out Yankee, and drives many sharp bargains. One of these got her into trouble. She was arrested on action of tort and confined over Sunday.

Ottawa (Ont.) dispatch: The alarm that has been given in the history of the Pacific coast appears to be warranted in the startling increase in the Chinese population in Montreal, Toronto, and other eastern Canadian cities, which, the superintendent of Chinese immigration states, has doubled within the past four months. While after the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway the number of Chinamen returning to China was largely in excess of the number of arrivals in Canada, during the past eighteen months a turn in the tide of coodus has taken place, as, during that period, arrivals of Chinamen have exceeded departures for the Celestial Empire by 52 per cent.

Returns from the Manitoba elections give the Greenway Government twelve majority in the Provincial Parliament.

Marshall County, South Dakota, was valued by a hailstorm which destroyed several hundred acres of grain.

General Carlin, in command of the military sent to the disaffected Cour d'Alene mining district in Idaho, reports to the authorities at Washington that peace has been entirely restored.

The United States revenue cutter Wolcott, under command of British schooner Sibyl, of Vancouver, after she had thirteen smuggled Chinese on Whidley Island. The Sibyl is a fleet craft, and the customs officials believe she has brought hundreds of contraband Chinese into the United States during the past fifteen months.

Philadelphia was visited by a cyclone about noon Monday, which damaged property to the extent of over \$200,000.

Juan Romero, a representative of a Spanish sugar planter, has been in Philadelphia for several days, in connection with the purpose of starting a large central sugar establishment near Trinidad.

Two of the largest paint dealers in the world, E. W. Devoe & Co. and C. T. Reynolds & Co., are negotiating for consolidation.

Arrangements are being completed for the formation of a \$7,500,000 company to control and operate the four mills of New York City and neighborhood.

Reports from manufacturers show the pig-iron production for the year ending June 30 to have been 9,710,319 gross tons, an increase of 598,116 gross tons over 1890.

John Wesson, the New York Jeweler, filed a bill of assets and liabilities Thursday. The former amount to \$281,710 and the latter nominally to \$418,840 but really to \$483,350.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad came to an agreement with its telegraph operators. A general advance of \$5 a month will be made, but they are allowed compensation for extra work, and a grievance committee will be recognized.

In consequence of a notice from the proprietors of the St. Louis Smelting Works that the company would not be responsible for any sickness or accident to employees as well as for the loss of their tools and workmen, about eighty in number, went on strike. Captain Keeble, with fifteen mounted policemen, went to Cheltenham, where the works are located, and ordered the strikers to disperse. The police were met with a volley of stones and sticks. Finally Captain Keeble ordered the police to charge the strikers. This was done, and after the police had wielded their clubs with vigor for five minutes the crowd scattered in every direction.

The active recruiting of non-union iron workers at Homestead was begun in Philadelphia, and a broad street station carried away about thirty men. At Boston, the agents of Carnegie, Phelps & Co. are endeavoring to secure men to go to Homestead. A union bricklayer was told that the company wanted bricklayers, masons, carpenters and blacksmiths, but particularly bricklayers. They would receive \$4.50 per day of ten hours. The Boston price is \$4.50 for nine hours.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO. CATTLE—Common to Prime... \$3.00 @ 5.50

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cartridge did not explode. The second shot entered the back of Mr. Frick's neck, and glancing downward passed to the outside below the arm. Mr. Frick made an exclamation and jumped to the ground on 5th avenue and tried in vain to open it. The assailant passed quickly in front of the desk, and, approaching close to Mr. Frick, fired again. The ball entered the muscle on the left side of the neck, and passed around a lodgment under the right ear, where it was later reached by the probe.

At this instant Mr. Leishman threw himself on the would-be assassin and wrestled for possession of the revolver. Leishman clutched the barrel and turned the muzzle upward as the cartridge exploded, the ball entering the plastering near the glass partition. With agility the desperate man drew a dagger and attempted to stab Leishman, who was holding the assailant by the shoulder.

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THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

Proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives—Important Measures Discussed and Acted Upon—Gist of the Business.

The National Solent. In the Senate, on the 20th, Mr. Vest made a vigorous speech against the anti-optic bill. Mr. Durrant of Virginia also spoke in opposition. No bills were passed by the Senate, but the House passed a number of measures, the most important of which was a bill increasing the duty of life-saving service men. The bill granting an American registry to the steamship China was defeated. The Commerce Committee was authorized to investigate the Reading combine; the House Judiciary Committee has summoned Robert A. Finckler and William Pinkerton to appear before the committee to be questioned in regard to their police and detective system. Mr. Blount reported the bill introduced by Curtis authorizing the President to close the St. Marys Falls Canal to all Canadian vessels or levy a tax of from \$2 to \$5 a ton on them, if it is found that the canal is being used to discriminate against in passing through Canadian canals and in the imposition of duties.

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