

Death of Hon. F. Butler, the Noted Lawyer, Statesman, Soldier, and Manufacturer—Resignation of the French Ministry—Ugly Rumors Affecting Pres. Carnot.

From Far and Near.

A disastrous conflagration raged on Federal street, Boston, Tuesday morning, and it was not until 2 1/2 o'clock of land had been burned over, eight or ten buildings were badly damaged and several others are completely burned out. The total loss is \$1,000,000.

Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, of Massachusetts, the noted lawyer, soldier and statesman, died suddenly at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at his New Jersey residence.

The French ministry has resigned, owing to differences in the cabinet over the treaty of commerce with the United States.

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At Springfield is the presence of the Senators and Representatives in joint session assembled, to view the execution of 2,000 men, women and children in the great hall of representatives in the capitol.

The steamer New Mary Houston was cut down by the ice and sunk at her place of destination at Cincinnati. She had the most exposed position in the landing and received an ice thrust in her hull which settled her in a few moments.

The steamer Alaska and Arizona, of the Gulf line, are to be brought around Cape Horn and placed on the Puget Sound and Oriental routes.

A terrible accident occurred Tuesday at Penrose, Cornwall. While a large number of men were at work in the Wheal Owl mine at that place water suddenly rushed in and drowned thirty of the miners.

At Pittsburg, the verdict of the jury which has tried the thirteen strikers charged with riot at the Dist. Ct. Works of the Carnegie Company finds two of the accused guilty of riot, two of unlawful assemblage and one acquitted.

John E. Harrison, the Chicago real-estate man wanted at Covington, Ky., for killing Harry McCreedy, has surrendered to the officers. He claims that he acted in self-defense.

Pope Leo's announcement that he nominated Cardinal Sannuti for archbishop of Bologna in response to a divine inspiration is considered at Rome as tantamount to designating Cardinal Vanutelli as his successor in the pontificate.

CRIME AND CASUALTY.

At Sacramento, Cal., Night Foreman Starkey of the railroad yard confessed that Engineer George Jeffries, two months ago, proposed to him and a third party to assist him in the murder of Miss E. D. Ayers at Brighton.

The mystery surrounding the killing of Lafayette Steele at his ranch near Modesto, Cal., has probably been cleared up. Fred Reynolds, a neighboring farmer, testified that he saw a hawk fly away at the time of the killing.

Charles C. Ferris, formerly of Kansas City, lately with the Meyer Brothers Drug company, of St. Louis, committed suicide by shooting at his home in Ellendale, Mo.

Little Antea and Henry Stone, of Providence, R. I., dropped a lighted match in a keg of powder. They were subsequently unrecognizable.

White picking his way down the pass through Mt. Mansfield, he was struck by a stone which slipped and dashed off on a mad gallop. A deep ravine skirted the path.

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At Guthrie, O., T. E. M. Beal, a young attorney, and F. R. McKinnon, his former partner and one of the most prominent attorneys in the Territory, were talking on the street, when Beal suddenly fell.

Walter Jackson, a negro tramp, beat his wife to death with a club and then tried to burn her body on a lonely road near Lone Jack, Mo.

At Cleveland, Ohio, Patrolman Peter E. Hill and Michael Dempsey, bound over to the Criminal Court for the killing of the Italian, Frank Carizzo, were completely exonerated by a grand jury.

At Denver, Colo., Dr. Alexander Shaw, Chief of the Horticultural Department of the World's Fair, aged 77, died at New York.

Investigation of the case of Charles G. Douglas, of Philadelphia, disclosed the fact that he was really a broken heart.

Flora Fontaine, colored, is dead at Columbia, S. C., aged 17 years. She was taken to Columbia 102 years ago and had lived there ever since.

Her death occurred at a hospital at Albany, N. Y., and resulted from pneumonia.

Major James P. Frost, financial editor of the Boston Globe, and one of the most widely known journalists of New England, died suddenly of heart failure.

Washington dispatches say that James G. Blaine is again so low that his physicians never leave his bedside. His demise is expected at any moment.

Gottlieb Lauppe, a member of the board of directors of the Economic Society, died at Pittsburgh.

Mrs. George Drew-Barrimore, the leading comedienne of Frohman's Comedy Company, has been forced through illness to terminate her engagement.

Gilbert A. Pierce, well and favorably known in the Northwest, was nominated Wednesday as Minister to Portugal.

Senator Stockbridge was chosen upon the first ballot. He succeeded himself as Senator from Michigan.

Mrs. Mary E. Lease declines to run for United States Senator in Kansas.

Stephen M. White has been nominated for United States Senator by the Democrats at Sacramento, Cal.

Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, has been renominated by the Democrats at Jefferson City.

Kansas Republicans have won a victory over the Populists, and the mandamus cases are at an end, the courts deciding that they had no power to reconvene the State Board of Chancery.

Senator William B. Hays has been renominated by the Democrats at Nashville.

M. Cambon, the present French ambassador to Spain, will, it is reported, succeed M. Waddington as French ambassador to Great Britain.

Archbishop Battelli will soon visit the college. Dr. Harnett, the President, refuses to confirm or deny the rumor about Dr. McElroy.

In his first message to the Board of Aldermen Mayor Gilroy, of New York, shows the least bit of indebitness of the city to be \$15,161,973.

Cholera nurses are in a bad position at New York. The very fact that they were employed on Swinburne Island prevents them obtaining employment.

The petition to Congress which is being circulated by J. D. Probst & Co., New York bankers, for the removal of the Sherman silver law is fast gaining signatures.

All-Social Unitarian Church, Romanesque, stone, \$25,000, at Colorado Springs, Col., was dedicated. Rev. T. B. Forbush, of Chicago, officiating.

Thirteen members of the Amalgamated Association were placed on trial in the Criminal Court at Pittsburgh charged with riot during the sympathy strike at Carnegie's Duquesne plant last August.

The newly elected officers of the Standard Oil Company of New York are: President, William Rockefeller; Vice President, John D. Rockefeller; Secretary, William T. Wardwell; Secretary, L. D. Clarke.

Two hundred and fifty men employed by the Lambert & Bishop wire mill at Joliet have struck because of a cut in wages.

The Leeds Improvement and Land Company, the Leeds Annex Company, the American Security and Trust Company, and the Sioux City Land Company, all of Sioux City, Iowa, with aggregate capital of \$3,000,000, failed Friday.

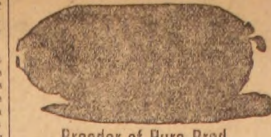
Elmore & Lutzmann's great factory in Elberfeld, Germany, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$750,000.

Amadeo Victor Guillemin, the famous French writer on astronomical subjects, is dead. He was 67 years old.

Colonel Paris, commander of the Berlin police, is dead.

After a great deal of trouble a commission has been agreed upon by Kansas cattlemen interested in suits growing out of losses caused by Spanish fever brought to that section by Texas cattle last summer.

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