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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

A WHOLE STACK OF FRESH NEWS OF THE WORLD.

A Great Oil Fire at Bucala—Twenty-eight Barrels of Oil Killed by Lightning—Tropical Woods Damaged—An Abandoned Ship Discovered.

Machine Whisky.

Lima (Ohio) special: Collector Waldorf of this internal revenue district was here the other day with United States Marshal Haskell, Deputy Wells, and several other officials to search for Fandango County, a station on the Nickel Plate road, for the purpose of arresting a party of moonshiners who have been operating near that point for over a year. The revenue authorities have been aware for some time that moonshiners are making moonshine somewhere in Northwestern Ohio, but were unable to locate the plant until now. The officers are all well armed, as it was expected that the moonshiners would not give up without a struggle, as they are a desperate gang. A number of deputies from Toledo met the officers at Bucala and went with them to Fandango. The center of the hood of the station was covered with an immense forest, and is well adapted to carrying on the unlawful traffic. Some years ago it was the headquarters of a notorious gang of horse thieves. The fellows that have been running the still are from Kentucky.

Struck by Lightning.

Nashville special: Fallow stud, the horse of St. Blasius, at the scene of a terrible destruction recently, a bolt of lightning struck a large broad-mesh barn and completely destroyed it, together with its contents, consisting of a large amount of hay, 3,500 bushels of oats, and twenty-eight head of thoroughbred stallions, with a loss of \$10,000. Charles E. Ewing, owner of the stud, was asleep at the time, and when awakened and informed of the destruction simply remarked, "All right, it cannot be helped." He did not even visit the scene, and has not made up a list of the mares killed. It is known that one of the mares belonged to Tom Moore, and was valued at \$8,000. Mr. Ewing's loss will amount from \$80,000 to \$100,000. Lightning also struck Horatio Berry's barn in the same neighborhood and killed two broad mares.

An Abandoned Ship.

The British steamship Gaston, which has arrived at Philadelphia from Sagua, Cuba, on the 9th of April, 93, sighted the abandoned German bark John Wilhelm. Her boats were gone, but otherwise the bark was little damaged. The seas were at the time running too heavily to admit of the Gaston's towing the Wilhelm, so the abandoned bark was off Adria. The Wilhelm left Durban, G.A., on March 20, for Liverpool, with a large and valuable cargo of salmons, which was commanded by Captain Hegelle, and was owned by A. Gilson of Dantzig. It is feared that Captain Hegelle and his crew are lost.

A Great Oil Fire.

The A. S. Holmes oil refinery at Buffalo, N. Y., on the 9th of April, 93, was destroyed by fire together with twenty freight cars and a train of oil cars. Thirty thousand barrels of oil were also burned. The fire was started by an engine dropping coals in some oil, which was running on top of the water in a little ditch. The wind blew the flames into the works, and an explosion followed. Thomas Tracy was badly injured. Three firemen were slightly injured by one of the explosions. The loss will be heavy.

A Double Murder.

A double murder was committed two miles west of New Haven, Ill. Mat Bittner, a Bohemian, shot his wife and Arthur Burne, the wife of a prominent farmer, and threw their bodies in the cellar and burned the house. Sheriff Barr and 300 men are in pursuit of Bittner. He will probably be lynched when captured.

Todays Woods Damaged.

At Toledo, City Solicitor Read has filed suit on behalf of the city against the Standard Oil Company. The defendants are charged with alleged conspiracy to prevent the city of Toledo from constructing a natural gas pipe line and plant. The city asks for \$1,000,000 damages.

Substantial Aid for Home Builders.

M. Eugene Kelly, the treasurer of the National Federation of America, subscribes \$1,000 to the Home Rule fund and has cabled, through Eugene Kelly & Co., \$10,000 to the Hon. Justin McCarthy, M. P., for the use of the Irish parliamentary party.

The Proletariat at an End.

The American protectorate over the Hawaiian Islands is at an end. On April 1 Commissioner Blount ordered the American flag hauled down from the Government building and the emblem of the Hawaiian kingdom restored to its old position.

Workers Wage an Insurrection.

The waiters in the restaurants of Chicago are taking advantage of the extra-ordinary strike of the waiters, and their union has sent out a demand for an increase to \$20 a week and fifty cents an hour for over time, after May 1st.

A Town Burned.

Venice special: The town of Venice, thirty miles from Buda Pest, has been almost completely destroyed by fire. Several persons perished in the flames and others died of injuries.

CRIME AND CASUALTY.

George Jagger shot his sweetheart, Anna Merro, and himself at Morley, Mich., during a quarrel. Both died.

An electric car was run down by a Grand Trunk train at Bay City, Mich., and five persons were killed, as follows: Mary Deneen, 18; Mrs. Mary Deneen, 40; R. Durand, William Foster, William Markham, Mortimer Ed Vreeland. The latter's injuries are fatal.

A gale struck Erie, Pa., Friday morning with a sixty mile an hour velocity. In the surrounding country houses and barns were scattered, forests and orchards were wrecked. In the city completed buildings were partially demolished, partially unroofed, gables and cupolas torn from public buildings, and damage done to the extent of \$15,000 or \$20,000. The gale raised the ice blockade, drove the ice toward Canada, and left in the Pridgeon from Toledo with the first cargo of grain.

James Brady, a watchman at Omaha, Neb., tried to step from one motor car to another, and in so doing fell and his both legs were cut off. He died in half an hour.

A negro who assaulted Mrs. Frost, wife of a prominent miller of Salina, Kan., and then picked up her infant child and threw it with great force to the floor, killing it, was captured about three miles from that city in a deserted dugout and is now in jail at Salina. Mrs. Frost identified the negro

as soon as he was brought into the town. Great excitement prevailed there and several thousand citizens surged about the jail demanding his body. The sheriff, with an armed posse, held the crowd off, but the culprit may yet be lynched.

—Joseph Nowak, a convict in the Pittsburgh, Pa., compound, suaded at the institution by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a case knife. He had been convicted in Westmoreland County of aggravated assault and was serving a life sentence for it. He was released from the state prison in 1900, and for six years and four months in Riverside.

—Early Monday morning a terrible accident happened at the Riverside furnace in the upper end of Steubenville, Ohio, resulting in the death of one man and the serious injury of another. The furnace was fully charged and about 100 men were at work when the fire blew out. Ex-Congressman John Stoen, a keeper, was standing directly in front of it, and was horribly burned from head to foot. He died in a few hours. Mike King, a helper, was standing at one side, and was seriously but not fatally burned.

—A bloody fight occurred in Worcester, Mass., Sunday evening between 100 Turks, Arabs, and Armenians. The fight originated in the celebration of the Moslem festival. Clubs, knives, pistols, and stones were used and the fight lasted over an hour. A detachment of police swooped down on the fighters and sixteen of them were arrested. Over a score were badly wounded, several being cut and one shot in the hand.

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