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AROUND THE WORLD.

INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE.

Official News Given by France of the Steam Striker—Two French Steamers, the *Pharos* and *Le Travailleur*, were captured by the British off the coast of the Cape Verde Islands.

HORRIBLE DEATH.

Electrocution Is Liable to Accidents and Misadventure—The same as hanging.

A ghastly tragedy, the sequel of another one, has been enacted in the person of John W. Taylor, a resident of the city of Chicago. Taylor, who was a fellow convict, was placed in the electric chair to execute for the murder of a woman named Mary. He received a shock of 1,475 volts but the contact was not sufficiently prolonged, and when it was sought to turn on the current again the dynamo would not do its work. The man slowly rose, and, believing his consciousness to prevent him from being administered while preparations were being made to get electric supply from the city's dynamo plant.

Linemen quickly connected the prison apparatus with the electric light plant and in an hour all was ready for the second electrocution. Taylor continued to grow stronger and was given an injection of morphine. A small dose of chloroform was also administered. He was then carried bodily to the chair which had been repaired, and was strapped into the electric position. The current was then turned on, the body straightened up and for half a minute 1,240 volts coursed through Taylor's unconscious form and he was pronounced dead.

RENT ON WAR.

France Gives Official Notice of the Siam Blockade.

Bangkok special: Notice has been given of the blockade by the French fleet. Outgoing vessels have been warned that they must call on Bangkok and wait at least 24 hours before leaving. The blockade will extend along the entire north coast of the Gulf of Siam. The French fleet, with M. Pavie, French minister resident, has gone to Koh-Si-Chang.

The general expectation is that early in August the French fleet will attack Bangkok and land some 5,000 men. There is little doubt here that France's purpose is to make Siam a French colony.

The French government is exceedingly anxious to avoid open warfare. When the gun boats recently failed to enter the Menam river, the foreign minister sent to M. Pavie a note to the effect that the King and his advisers were most anxious to maintain peace. All such efforts, however, have failed, and the English residents to be vain. Unless England will intervene to assist in a settlement of the dispute there can be little expectation or even hope that the matter will refrain from extreme measures.

Distillery Wrecked.

Two huge boilers of the Bellville Distillery Company, St. Louis, Mo., exploded with terrific force, tearing the boiler house to fragments and badly wrecking part of the main building. The noise of the explosion was deafening and the air was filled with flying debris. A portion of one of the boilers was blown a distance of 250 feet. Fortunately nobody was in the vicinity of the distillery and no one was injured. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The cause of the explosion is not known, as everything appeared to be in proper condition when work was suspended.

Will Test the Cigarette Law.

The new Ohio cigarette law which imposes a heavy tax on dealers in that product will be tested in the courts. Suit has been brought by J. Stacey Hill of Cincinnati, retailer of cigars, to enjoin the Ohio Cigarette Tax. A temporary injunction was granted by Judge Wilson until the case can be presented. One of the grounds of the suit is that the law is in contravention of the interstate commerce law.

A Hoarder Cynical.

A severe windstorm struck the western part of Wayne County, Indiana, and did much damage at Centerville, a town of about 600 people. A portion of Edmund's chair factory was blown away, the Methodist Church leveled to the ground, and three business houses were wrecked. The storm swept a path less than a mile wide, in which timber and crops suffered much.

Shown Up With Dynamite.

George B. Moss was running a saloon at Brooklyn, Ind., in spite of the approval of the better class of citizens. The other night it was blown up with dynamite.

Factory Burned.

The bonnet wire factory of Moses F. Clark & Co., at Centerville, Ind., was struck by lightning and together with its contents destroyed by fire. Loss \$20,000, insurance \$12,000.

Heavy Failure at Helena.

Financial troubles have reached Helena, Mont., and resulted in closing two of the biggest banks in the State. They were the First and Montana National.

CRIME AND CASUALTY.

At Pittsburg Henry A. Hoffman, aged 39 years, committed suicide while standing in front of a looking-glass. Hoffman spent all of his leisure time working on patents, many of which were successful. His last conception was a glass bottle to be used for patent medicines, which could not be refilled when the original contents had been removed. For several weeks Hoffman had been melancholy, but at no time had his condition been considered serious.

Deaths in Dissection.

On Tuesday afternoon the West Virginia University, the body of a woman was asked the entire faculty to attend in dissection.

Louis Wirtzinger, an aged shoemaker, committed suicide at Columbus, Ohio, by taking morphine.

Mrs. Venzonich, a farmer's wife at Rutledge, Minn., was held up by two masked men and robbed of \$500. They are being pursued.

Monroe Bonbrake was run over by a train at St. Paul, Minn. Both legs were cut off, causing death.

Banker Little, who killed Attorney Johnson at Kansas City, Kan., has been found for murder in the first degree by a jury.

Joseph Oates, of Toledo, Ohio, was found hanging to a nail in his kitchen. His wife's death caused the tragedy.

At Buzzard's Bay, Mass., during the

terrible gale that prevailed, an unknown French coasting schooner and women were captured, and they were drowned. The yacht has not yet been found. It is believed that at least six persons were lost.

Rev. George Stocking, of Leavittsburg, Ohio, who was suffering from head ailment, ended his misery by cutting his throat.

Mark Stevens, aged 10, was run over by the Niagara Falls express at Merritt.

Frank Phelps and Henry Schrader were indicted at Leavittsburg, O., for the murder of Matt Watson last May.

Thomas H. Russell was arrested for stealing 3,000 World's Fair tickets; also George Grant, who purchased them.

The New England coast was visited by a severe wind and rain storm Sunday. Buildings were blown down and unroofed and other damage done in nearly every city between Portland, Me., and Haverhill, Mass.

At St. Louis, John Stummiller, aged 20, was stabbed and fatally injured by his brother Frank, aged 30 years, in a dispute over a board bill which Frank claimed was due from his younger brother. Both were drunk.

A powder-house near Huntington, Ind., containing 200 lbs. of powder, exploded, blowing away the house and killing three men and wounding several others.

John H. Taylor was badly hurt by a train which was passing at a high speed when he was attempting to cross the tracks.

Comptroller Eckels was notified that Cashier Lomax, of the First National Bank of Vernon, Texas, which failed, had shot and killed himself.

The New York mail train on the Old Colony ran into a freight car standing on the track at Dodgeville, Mass. The train was making forty miles an hour when it struck the freight car, which was loaded with coal. A small child named C. J. Miller, belonging to New York, was instantly killed, and another child named Murphy was seriously hurt. Several of the passengers were also injured.

At Leavittsburg, Ohio, a man named Astor, who was shot by two burglars whom he was pursuing. Hamill had chased the burglars some distance when they fired on him. His wounds are said to be fatal.

A cyclone at Clio, N. T., destroyed a number of buildings and ruined crops.

THE FIRE RECORD.

An incendiary fire almost wiped Ewing, Mich., out of existence. The loss is between \$150,000 and \$200,000. It is reported that a man suspected of being the culprit was arrested.

The village of St. Anne de la Perle, near Quebec, was completely destroyed by fire. Thirty families are made homeless and the money loss will reach several hundred thousand dollars.

A careless cigarette smoker started a fire in Little Goose Canyon, Wyo., and much valuable timber has already been destroyed.

Mary's Church, in Long Island City, was destroyed by fire, along with adjoining buildings. The loss is \$500,000.

The millstone burning at South Milwaukee, Wis., caused a loss of \$30,000, with probable insurance of \$8,000.

A blaze in the Ohio Transfer and Storage Company Building at Columbus, Ohio, destroyed the plant. Loss, \$300,000.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. J. Drenzel's will has been probated. Some of his \$300,000 was given to charity and the rest to his heirs.

Obituary: Washington. General John G. Walker, aged 70, at Worcester, Mass.

Charles F. Washburn, head of the barbed-wire manufacturing firm of Washburn & Moen, died at 101.

The engagement of Dr. Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews, and Miss Steele Bacon, of Reading, Pa., is announced.

John H. McAvoy, a Chicago brewer, died at his residence. His health had been poor for several years.

Obituary: St. Paul, Minn. C. A. Connerman, William Vandewater, at Jersey City, N. J. General William F. Abbott, aged 61, at Worcester, Ohio. Nancy Q. Larwill, aged 101.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Secretary Carlisle, accompanied by his family, returned to Washington after an absence of several days. He was met by the Secretary of the Treasury, who was much pleased with the expedition.

As viewed at the Treasury Department there is a leaning toward a brighter financial future. The country has recently failed to make the necessary steps to reform, and Comptroller Eckels is lending them all the aid possible. He was notified Monday morning that the First National Bank of Leavittsburg, Ind., and the failed Northern National Bank of Big Rapids, Mich., will probably resume business at once. The First National Bank of Leavittsburg, Ind., had failed on Saturday after a short suspension, received in deposits \$12,000, while the withdrawal amounted to only \$8,000. This is regarded as an evidence that confidence is being gradually restored on the Pacific coast.

Assistant Secretary of State Quincy will resign, and it is said he is in search of an embassy.

The Grand Jury at Washington has found a true bill against Frederick C. Atterbury, chief of the record and pension division of the War Department; George W. Dant, the contractor employed to make the electric light plant at the War Department; and William E. Corvett, superintendent, and Francis E. Conner, engineer of the building, holding them responsible for the Ford's Theater disaster at Washington, D. C., which twenty-three persons lost their lives and a large number of others were injured.

FOREIGN.

The storming, as an outcome of the dispute with King Oscar regarding the appointment of Norwegian consuls, has reduced the King's Norwegian annuity from \$36,000 to \$25,000 kroner.

Captain Hughes Hallett, of the British ship *Gannet*, has arrived at Victoria, B. C., after a voyage of 100 days.

Monday's dispatches say Siam's reply to France's ultimatum is but a concession of the least importance of the six demands which appear to be inevitable.

It is rumored from London that the French Government has directed Admiral Hamann to attack the blockade of the ports of Siam.

The Japanese warship at Bangkok were ordered to leave the French base and crowded with men, steam up all ready to ram the Frenchmen if bombardment commenced. The latter are steamed up, chain shot and shrapnel being readied by an explosion of a powder magazine at Canton, China.

Nine men were killed and twenty seriously wounded by an explosion of a dynamite factory near Lyons, France.

If the United States declines to annex Hawaii, it is said, the Provisional Government will expel the Queen. Prof. Alexander has been sent to Washington as an aid to Minister Tsuruoka.

Cholera is ravaging St. Louis, the capital of French Senegal, and has made its appearance at Alexandria, Italy.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fire Marshal Murphy and David Bonbrake have been released from the firing of the old store at Leavittsburg.

Mrs. Thomas Marran, critically sick, was carried out of her house and left upon the sidewalk by Chicago constables.

At South Bend, Ind., the Provincial Council has selected Very Reverend Father Morrissey to succeed the late Very Reverend Father Walsh as President of Notre Dame University and Rev. Father Francis to succeed Morrissey as Vice President. The latter is now in Rome.

Managua, Nicaragua, has been bombarded by the revolutionaries. Great damage was done and two persons killed.

Assistant Surgeon Young called. Surgeon General Wyman from Naples, saying that cholera continues in Naples, averaging three cases daily. Cholera has also broken out in several West African ports.

The Omaha division of the Order of Railway Telegraphs has filed charges to impeach Grand Chief D. G. Ramsey, Grand Editor A. D. Thurston, and Grand Exec-

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