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BRIDGE GOES DOWN,

AND LETS THE TRAIN INTO THE RIVER.

Fourteen killed and many more injured—The Boston Bridge of Deganaw, Ind., destroyed by fire—Cholera at Leedard—Dreadful Deed of a Maniac.

RAILROAD WRECK.

Horrific Catastrophe Near Chester, Mass.—Special: The Chicago limited express train for Boston broke through a frail iron bridge on the Boston and Albany Railroad one-half mile east of Chester, and four Wagner cars were crushed, killing fourteen persons, fatally injuring several others, and all the dead were buried in the tracks. The wreck is the worst ever known on the railroad. The bridge was being strengthened for the big locomotives, and the workmen who were putting in the plates were at dinner when the crash came. The buffer, two sleepers, and a dining car were carried off into the river, which is about twenty feet below, but the two day coaches and a smoker in the rear did not leave the track.

The train was seven minutes late at Chester, and the railroad hands say it was going at the rate of twenty miles an hour when it struck the first of the two spans across the Westfield River. The locomotive seemed to leap across the bridge as the truss collapsed and fell over.

The conductor was taking tickets in a day coach, and although thrown violently down escaped serious injury. A man driving by gave the alarm throughout the village. In a few moments hundred were on the scene. The twelve dead and wounded were most terrible, and scores of people looked on completely unnerved. The heroes of the hour were Dr. Geo. L. Wood of Collinsville, who went to the train to meet his wife, and the colored porters and waiters in the dining car, who, although their faces were bruised and cut and covered with blood, did splendid work. The village people soon recovered from the shock and were back at work. The hospital was a group of apple trees in an adjoining orchard, where scores were taken. Ox teams arrived with loads of straw, cushions, bedding, and food. The wounded were soon removed to the houses of N. A. Harlow, Washington Moore, and Dr. J. C. Crocker, and all that remained of the apple-tree-covered ground was a tattered blanket, covered with blankets from an adjoining stable. Many of the dead were horribly mutilated, the heads crushed in, limbs torn, and often recognizable only from their clothing.

RAVING MANIAC.

Samuel Dester Shoots Three Persons and Two Wives.

A horrible shooting scrape occurred near Butler, Ind., which will cause the death of two and probably three prominent residents. Samuel Dester, a wealthy and respected farmer residing two miles west of this city, became demented and procuring a revolver, shot his wife, Mrs. Amos Bachet, Mrs. John Lowe and William Yates. Mrs. Lowe was shot in the groin, Mrs. Lowe in the side and arm and Yates in the back and arm. After the shooting occurred Dester then set fire to his mother's barn, burning up all this year's crops, the loss amounting to several thousand dollars. The maniac was finally captured by the officers and is now in safe keeping.

Cholera at Leedard.

Amsterdam special: Nine fresh cases of cholera and five deaths were reported in Leedard recently. The Dutch-American Steamship Company has notified its agents that all emigrants before embarking must remain five days under the observation of an American physician in the company's hospital. The emigrants will not be allowed to come or go at pleasure, but will be obliged to sleep and eat in the hospital.

Appealing Loss of Life.

Reciever Averill of the Port Royal and Augusta road, wires the Augusta, Ga., Chronicle that the loss of life on the Sea Islands, S. C., by the late hurricane, which has not yet been reported and will not fall far short of 600. Great destruction exists among the 7,000 remaining inhabitants and urgent appeal is made for aid in shape of provisions, crops and provisions having been entirely destroyed.

Strike for Wages.

Peoria special: The freight business of the Jacksonville Southern Line, running between here and St. Louis, is tied up by a strike, the trainmen refusing to move the grain that their wages had not been paid, said James. The railroad officials have notified all connecting lines that freight will not be received until the matter is settled.

After Hundreds of Ballots.

The deadlock in the Tenth Ohio District Republican Convention at Ironton, Ohio, was broken by the nomination on the 1,763 ballot of O. S. Bundy of Jackson County.

Boobed the Postoffice.

The Postoffice and general store at Dundee, Ind., was robbed, cash, stamps, groceries, and other material being carried off to the amount of \$600.

Died on the Depot Platform.

Dr. William H. Williams, editor of the Central Baptist of St. Louis, dropped dead on the depot platform while waiting for a train at Alexandria, Va. Williams had been attending the Baptist convention at Kabobah, and the day before preached a sermon before the association. It is supposed his death was caused by heart disease.

Negotiations at a Standstill.

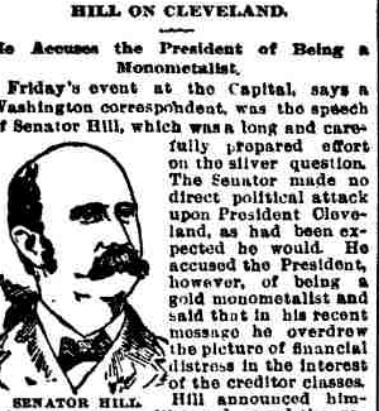
The negotiations between M. de Vire, the French special envoy, and the Siamese government for the settlement of the Franco-Siamese dispute are at a complete standstill. It is stated that should the Siamese not make any demands upon him he would be constantly playing "Hamlet."

Deed of a Friend.

Charles H. O'Connor ran to the assistance of Mrs. Andrew Gibson, whose husband was beaten by her at Fall River, Mass. Gibson cut O'Connor's throat, producing instant death, and then committed suicide.

Long Life to Holmes.

Farmer Robert Arthur, of Greenfield, Ohio, while attempting to stop a runaway horse at the New London fair, was thrown against a fence, receiving fatal injuries. At the same time a guy pole fell against the horse, killing him.



HILL ON CLEVELAND.
He Accuses the President of Being a
Monomaniac.

Friday's event at the Capital says a Washington correspondent was the speech of Senator Hill, which was a long and carefully prepared effort on the part of the President. The Senator made no direct political attack upon President Cleveland, as had been expected. He accused the President, however, of being a gold monomaniac and of having a message he overwrote the picture of financial distress in the interest of the gold standard.

SENATOR HILL.

Hill announced him-

self to be a bimetallist and urged the repeal of the Sherman law because it stands in the way of a bimetallic standard.

President Cleveland was not a bimetallist,

and added that he would not follow the gold path marked out by the administra-

tion. Here is what he said:

"I am not going to follow the footsteps of any administration that seeks to place the Democratic party in a false position that seeks to lead away our fathers, away from the party of safety, away from the Democratic party of the country, and the standard of the enemy." The President must rely upon Republican votes to carry out any such measure as this, and he said that any such course will be taken by the President of his own volition, or even under the pressure of the gold standard.

He said that the

President's evidence shall be furnished than now exists.

FRANCE THREATENS SIAM.

Gambots to Be Returned to Bangkok to Force Compliance with New Standard.

In order to exercise greater pressure upon the Siamese government and compel compliance with their latest demands the French are threatening a return of the gunboats. The foreign residents are loud in their indignation at the policy pursued by the French government. A pilot reported to the Foreign Office that the fortifying Chantian tends to increase the anxiety with which the situation is viewed in Bangkok. The German gunboat Wolf, sailing thence, will leave the port without single foreign gunboat, causing serious alarm at the part of the foreign consi-

gnants.

Outwits a Lynching Party.

A mob of 100 men from Wingo, re-en-

forced by 100 more, arrived at Middleboro, Ky., Monday night on time to lynch the two men who had been condemned to death.

They were permitted to go to the jail

and remained until it reached a climax between 11 and 12 o'clock at night, having

blown for eight hours in a terrible hurricane. Tremendous damage to property was caused here and throughout the South, while the loss of life will be in the scores. The mob was dispersed by the negroes. Noting it standing where one of the finest stations of the South Atlantic was a few hours ago except the doctor's house, and how this weathered the fearful gale is miraculous. The wharves were gone, the new fumigating plant which had been built in the woods and guarded by a posse. Finding their endeavor fruitless the mob quietly dispersed at daylight.

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