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SOME SING OF THE LILY.

BUT THESE COLUMNS SING OF THE NEWS.

A Russian Jew Attempts to Assassinate Mr. Frick, Carnegie's Manager in this Country—Nine Men Killed by an Explosion—A Bloody Murder.

BULLET AND DIRT.

An Attempt to Murder Manager Frick. A Pittsburgh special, dated the 25th inst., says: The most sensational incident yet in the great Homestead strike was the attempt Saturday afternoon of an anarchist printer to assassinate H. C. Frick, the chairman of the Carnegie company. Mr. Frick was seated in his private office in consultation with vice-chairman Leishman at the time the attempt was made. A German carpenter known as "Andy" was also in the room at the time. The intruder walked in off Fifth avenue and up stairs into the general office. He had previously attempted to get in but was refused entrance by the doorkeeper. This time without asking any questions he rushed through the gate inside the railing dividing the desks from the reception room.

Entering Mr. Frick's office, he pulled his revolver and commenced firing. Mr. Frick first grappled with him, then the other occupants came to his assistance. Before this, however, three shots had been fired and then, the assassin's revolver not working satisfactorily, he drew a stiletto and succeeded in wounding his victim in several places. When the would-be murderer had been finally overpowered, Mr. Frick lying on the floor and almost fainting from his wounds, interposed to save the man's life. One of the company's clerks came rushing in with pistol in hand and would have killed the intruder but Mr. Frick said: "Let that man alone," and was obeyed.

The news of the shooting quickly spread to the street, and police arrived within a few minutes and placed the assassin under arrest. He was taken at once to Central station, where the police were compelled to shut the gates of the yard to keep out the people.

He gave his name as Alexander Berkman, a printer, of New York city, aged 26 years.

About 4 o'clock, on the police surgeon visiting his cell, it was discovered that Berkman had made plans to commit suicide as well as murder. He had been dressed in prison garb, weighed, measured and had his temperature taken. While before the camera his facial movements as if chewing something had been noticed and attributed to nervousness. When it was still continued in the cell an investigation resulted, and after being choked until black and blue in the face, two dynamite cartridges were taken from his mouth.

It was evidently the man's intentions to explode the dynamite in his mouth and kill himself in the manner that Anarchist Ling, the Chicago Haymarket rioter, who was condemned to death, did. The caps would not work, and his scheme failed.

Inspector McKelvey had the cap examined, and it was found that they were the same kind used by Ling, the anarchist. It is not understood how they failed to explode.

At a late hour Monday night the physicians attending Mr. H. C. Frick, the Carnegie company's chairman, who was shot by Alexander Berkman, reported that their patient had passed a comfortable day at his home under the circumstances, and that there was no evidence of any unpleasant symptoms. They are taking every precaution against inflammation, which it is feared, may develop in the knife wounds.

Gladstone Will Stand by Home Rule. London special: Information recently obtained leaves no room for doubt that Mr. Gladstone is most earnestly resolved to proceed with the home rule bill with the least possible delay.

A vote of want of confidence in the present government will be moved and pressed to a division as quickly as possible forms of Parliament permit, and as soon as a new ministry has been formed Parliament will be prorogued, in order that the latter may have as much needed holiday previous to commencing, probably in November, the hard work of passing a home rule bill in the face of a determined and unscrupulous opposition and obstruction by Tories and magnates.

Ghouls at Work.

Some weeks ago there was quite a slide at the Hillside grave yard, several miles from Waynetown, Ind. By this several coffins were nearly exposed, and negligence allowed them to remain so.

The grave yard, which is in an out-of-the-way place, was visited recently, when it was found that ghouls had removed the slight covering from nearly a dozen coffins, and breaking them open, had despoiled the corpses of all ornaments and jewelry and since that dogs and hogs had torn the bodies to pieces, scattering the bones and grave clothes over several acres.

Nine Men Killed.

Pottsville (Pa.) special: An explosion of gas occurred in the tunnel on the first lift of New York farm colliery, by which nine men are known to have been killed outright and probably three others whose bodies can not be found, while at least ten men are more or less badly burned and mutilated, some of whom will die.

Wore Houses Burned.

The Waters & Pierce oil warehouses at St. Louis, were destroyed by fire. The loss will be heavy.

Cholera Diminishing in Paris.

It is officially announced that the cholera epidemic is diminishing in Paris.

Drowned While Bathing.

Geo. W. Hotchkiss, a soldier in the United States Army at the recruiting post at Columbus, Ohio, was drowned while bathing in the river. He was 20 years old and he enlisted at Beaville, Ind.

Cut His Throat.

John Hise killed Frank Chute at Long-streth, Ohio, by cutting his throat. It was a quarrel of long standing, which ended as above. There are strong threats of lynching Hise.

No Punks for Uncle Sam.

In the House, Mr. O'Neill, of Missouri, offered an amendment making it unlawful for any government officer to contract with any person or corporation who employ Pinkerton or similar detectives; also prohibiting the employment of such guards by the government in the District of Columbia. This was agreed to by a vote of 14 to 22.

Baird Brothers Exonerated.

The Coroner's verdict in the Licking bridge disaster, by which twenty-five men were killed, exonerated the Baird Brothers, contractors. The jury finds that the accident was caused by the spreading of the false work, and was unavoidable.

POWDERLY TAKES A HAND.

He Has Some Advice to Offer the President and Governor Pattison.

General Mastor Workman Powderly has addressed a letter to President Harrison and another to Governor Pattison calling attention to the fact that the laws of the United States and of Pennsylvania have been violated by the invasion of the Pinkertons on July 6. In his letter to the President Mr. Powderly points out that an armed body sailing under the United States flag and not acting under the legal authority of the State or any country or municipality had come up on the Monongahela River and opened fire upon the citizens of Homestead, killing a number of persons. Mr. Powderly says that whoever usurped the functions of the Commander-in-chief of the navy to invade the United States in order to commit a robbery in Pennsylvania is guilty of treason and should be punished accordingly, and he urges the Governor to prosecute.

A YEAR OF GREAT CROPS.

Irrigation Is Doing Wonders in the State of Idaho.

Never since the settlement of Idaho have there been such enormous crops as during the present season. The product of grass and grain has been wonderful. This is the result of a change in the climate, produced by the multiplication of irrigating canals, which molest a great extent of country and create a humid atmosphere. It is believed by men of experience, who have lived on the arid belt for the last forty years, that the time is not far distant when lands lying far above where water can be directed will be come arable. Formerly there were no rains in June. Last year there were two after the Fourth of July, and the rainy season this year has been unusually prolonged. Colorado had the same experience. If the grass crop has been large, there is use for it, for the last two winters have been favorable for stock raising, and the number on hand is estimated at nearly double that of two years ago.

ALICE MITCHELL ON TRIAL.

The Defense Prepared to Prove that Fred Ward's Slayer Is Insane.

At Memphis, Tenn., the trial of Alice Mitchell on her plea of present insanity was begun in the Criminal Court Monday morning in the presence of a large number of people. The defense holds that when Alice, 18 years old, manifested an aversion for men and loved a maiden years ago with the devotion and intensity of a man and prepared to marry her and planned to show she was crazy. The State will contend that Miss Mitchell did have a great regard for young men and will show that she not only flirted with the other sex but that she carried on a voluminous correspondence with men, some of them known. Jail life has agreed with Miss Mitchell, for when she raised her veil on the court-room she looked as fresh and plump as a well-fed country girl.

ANDREW D. WHITE GETS IT.

Nominated for Minister to Russia—Snowden to Go to Spain.

The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations: Andrew D. White, of New York, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Russia; A. Loudon Snowden, of Pennsylvania, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Spain; Thomas Beale, of California, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Greece, Rumania, and Servia. The following to be Consuls of the United States: John A. Barnes, of Illinois, at Chicago; Durier R. Bruck, of South Dakota, at Messina; Cyrus W. Field, of New York, at Brunswick; Carl Bailey, Hurst, of the District of Columbia, at Catania; Charles August Vorsterle, of Ohio, at Horgen.

JOHN T. RICH.

The End of the Year Holds the Wolverine Republican Ticket.

Michigan Republicans in convention at Saginaw, Wednesday, followed the example of all the national conventions so far this year and chose the head of their ticket on the first ballot. Following is the full ticket:

For Governor.....John T. Rich
For Lieutenant Gov.Joshua W. Diddick
For State Senator.....John J. Jennings
For Treasurer.....Joseph F. Hamblin
For Auditor.....Stanley W. Turner
For Attorney General.....Garrett D. Davis
For State Auditor.....John J. Hinman
For State Public Ins.H. B. Pattengill
For State Board Pub. Ins.E. A. Wilson

TO RULE SOUTH DAKOTA.

Republicans at the Madison Convention Choose Their Ticket.

The South Dakota Republican State convention, in session at Madison, on the second day chose the following ticket.

For Governor.....E. L. Sheldon
Lieutenant Governor.....H. C. Thompson
State Senator.....W. W. Taylor
Attorney General.....C. I. Crawford
Auditor.....J. J. Hinman
Land Commissioner.....Thomas W. Ruth
Chairman.....John A. Pickler
C. N. L. Lucas

CARLTON CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT.

Chairman Carlton called on the President the other day and had a long conference with him relative to campaign plans.

Ex-Congressman McConaughy, who will accept the chairmanship of the committee, will be in New York this week, and the committee will arrange its plans to begin work at once.

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