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## EFFECTED HIS ESCAPE

BY ADMINISTERING A DRUG TO THE PRISON GUARDS.

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By Administering a Drug to the Turnkey and Prison Guards.

R. Irving Latimer, the famous matricide, has escaped from the State prison at Jackson, Mich. Latimer got out by getting the keys and walking out of the front door of the prison. The keys are missing. Latimer is charged with the murder of his wife and son. It is supposed that Latimer got possession of some powerful drug and administered it to the guard and night turnkey. Guard Haight was found dying about 1 o'clock in the morning. Latimer, having gone an hour before that time, Haight died at 3 a. m. R. Irving Latimer brutally murdered his own mother at Jackson, on the night of January 24, 1889. His trial lasted twenty days and was very sensational. He was sentenced to life imprisonment. Latimer's father died under suspicious circumstances a year previous to the murder. He was heavily insured in favor of the wife and son, and it is believed that the son poisoned him. Warden Davis has issued a circular offering a reward of \$500 for Latimer, dead or alive.

A thousand officers are looking for him. All the roads about the city are guarded. Many believe Latimer is in the city, having been secreted by one of three aunts who reside there. Their houses are watched. Warden Davis has sent 10,000 circular letters and 100 telegrams to officers.

## NEW YORK TIMES SOLD.

The contract for the sale of the New York Times has been drawn up and agreed to. The chief spirit in the buying syndicate is Charles R. Flint, and the price \$950,000. It is understood that among the chief stockholders are James T. Woodward, President of the Hanover National Bank; John A. McCall, President of the New York Life Insurance Company; Henry B. Hyde, President of the Equitable Insurance Company; Gov. Flower, Jacob H. Schiff, and Walter H. Webb. The present editor of the Times, Charles R. Miller, and the managing editor, George F. Spinnery, are also interested as proprietors in the company, and are to be continued in their present places.

## Important Appointments.

The President has sent the following nominations to the Senate: Samuel E. Morse of Indianapolis, to be Consul General of the United States at Paris. C. W. Chancellor of Maryland, to be Consul at Havre. Allen B. Morse of Michigan, to be Consul at Glasgow. George F. Parker of New York, to be Consul at Birmingham. Sexton Norman of Indiana, to be Assistant Surgeon in the Marine Hospital service.

## New Gold Field.

Denver special: Telegrams from Canon City and Salida report a big gold excitement at Echo on the Rio Grande road at the west end of the Grand Canon of the Arkansas. Fifty men are on the ground staking out claims and many more are on the way. Prospecting has been going on in that vicinity for several years, but it was only recently that ore was struck that was said to be high grade and plenty of it. The new claim is about thirty miles southwest of Cripple Creek.

## Father and Two Children Cremated.

At 4 o'clock the other morning Oliver Sanders, living six miles from Neillsville, Wis., discovered his house to be on fire and at once set his wife and baby out. He then returned for the remaining two children, aged 3 and 6 respectively, but he never returned with them and the three bodies were taken from the ruins in a charred and unrecognizable condition.

## \$100,000 Worth of Horses Burned Up.

The stables containing Kirk Bros. racing string at Mason City, Iowa, was burned to the ground. In the stables were Storm, 3:14, Brown John, full brother to Storm, Storm Bird, Red Clay, and several other valuable horses. The entire string was valued at \$100,000. The cause of the fire is not known.

## The French Government Denounced.

All the Berlin newspapers denounce the French Government for expelling from France Herr Erlands, Paris correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt, who was suspected of sending to the newspaper an item to the effect that Ernest Cernot had received a bribe from the Panama Canal Company.

## Judge Howard Ill.

Judge T. E. Howard, of the Indiana Supreme Court, is confined to his home at South Bend with hemorrhage of the lungs.

## Sold Bank Robbery.

Two desperadoes, the other afternoon, rode into Caney, Kas., walked into the bank and with drawn revolvers compelled Cashier Hollingworth, Teller Starr, and Mr. McEnery to throw up their hands and walk into a back room, locking the door after them. The robbers then entered the open vault and seized the money that was in sight, something over \$2,000, and leaving the bank hastily, mounted their horses and were off before the people of the town had any knowledge of what had happened.

## Child's Death in Agency.

Effie was the pretty 5-year-old daughter of Wesley Ray and wife, who reside three miles east of Marietta, Ohio. The other evening, in company with other children, she was playing around a fire in her father's yard, when, in some way, her dress came in contact with the flames. In an instant she was all ablaze. Her mother and others close by tried to smother the flames with a piece of carpet, but before they could do so the poor child was so badly burned from her waist to her shoe tops that the skin and flesh peeled off in large strips. She lived in untold agony for six hours. What makes this a particularly sad case is the fact that Effie is the second child

these bereaved parents have lost by burning.

## COL. ELLIOTT F. SHEPARD.

Editor of the New York Mail and Express Dies Suddenly.

Col. Elliott Fitch Shepard, editor of the Mail and Express and suddenly at his home, No. 2 West Fifty-second Street, New York. His death followed the administration of ether by Dr. Charles McBurney, and the family physician, Dr. J. W. McLane, who were about to make an examination to ascertain whether the Colonel's suspicion that he was suffering from stone in the bladder was correct. Colonel Shepard had been in good health, but a month ago he noticed symptoms that led him to believe that he was suffering from stone in the bladder. He let it go and did not consult a physician until a week ago, when he went to Dr. McLane and told him of his suspicions. The doctor confirmed them and advised him to at least submit to an examination and to undergo an operation, should it be deemed necessary.

About 4 o'clock Col. Shepard said he was ready for the surgeons and they, with the nurses, began the work of putting him under ether. He had inhaled the drug but two or three times when the physicians detected dangerous symptoms and stopped the inhalation. Col. Shepard sank rapidly and for a time it was feared that he could not be rallied. Powerful restoratives were administered. At the end of an hour's work with oxygen he was restored to partial consciousness, and he continued to rally until about 4 o'clock. Then, without warning, and for no apparent reason, he began rapidly to sink. The oxygen treatment was resumed but it was of no avail, and at 4:20 o'clock he passed away. He was unconscious to the end and his death was peaceful. The cause of his death given by the physicians was edema of the lungs.

## ATE THE CAT.

The Extremities to Which a Bark's Crew Were Driven.

The steamship Alcides of the Donaldson Line, has arrived at Portland, Maine, from Glasgow. She brings the news that the bark Louise is now either a derelict or at the bottom of the ocean. The Alcides left Glasgow on March 11. On Sunday, March 19, a hurricane was encountered. This lasted until the afternoon of the next day, when the bark Louise was sighted flying signals of distress. The bark was in a sinking condition, and the crew on deck waving signals for help. This was at night and the storm was of great violence, and the wind was blowing from the west, and the sea was running high. The bark was launched from the Alcides and the crew of ten men rescued. Captain Semb, of the wrecked bark, said that on March 19 a terrific gale was encountered. A hole was stove in the bark's port bow and the hatches floated off into the sea. At 5 o'clock the decks began to spilt, and the bark went over on her beam ends. The Captain ordered the crew to cut away the masts. The signals of distress were hoisted on the port-deck, when the bark was sighted. The provisions, consisting of three pounds of canned corned beef, had been consumed, and the cook was ordered to put upon the spit the ship's cat for food. The cat was therefore eaten. The crew will be sent back to Norway.

## DRAMATIC SCENES.

Attend the Conviction and Acquittal of the Panama Bribe Takers.

A special to the New York Post from Paris says: There were painful scenes at the session of the Panama trials. M. Fontaine addressed the jury before they retired. Sobbing violently he implored them not to condemn him without proof, and concluded by crying dramatically: "I am innocent." He then sank back and hid his face in his hands. The other defendants were cool, except the Deputy Duke de la Fauconnerie, who was faint from suffering with gout.

When the verdict was announced M. Balthu turned deadly pale. M. Sans-Leroy swooned, overjoyed by the acquittal. M. Fontaine, however, was again most affected and fainted for several minutes. When he recovered he embraced his counsel and then tottered to the side of De Lesseps, who has been his greatest friend, and, burying his face in his hands, wept like a child. De Lesseps, who only affected to console him, had his face in his hands. The other defendants were cool, except the Deputy Duke de la Fauconnerie, who was faint from suffering with gout.

## KING ASSAULTED.

A Stone Thrown at Italy's Monarch in Rome.

Rome special: The city is in a state of great excitement over an assault that was made on King Humbert. The King was returning from the villa Brozese, where he had been spending a portion of the day, when a person having the general appearance of an Italian working man threw a stone at the King. The missile almost striking him. There was a considerable number of people in the streets at the time, and several persons rushed upon the assailant and seized him before he had a chance to make another attempt at violence. The assailant was promptly taken in hand by the police and conveyed to prison. Otherwise he would probably have been killed by the angry multitude. An immense crowd assembled and cheered the king with frantic enthusiasm and all the way to the palace the scene was like a triumphal progress. King Humbert gracefully acknowledged the ovation and was evidently deeply moved by the evidence of loyalty on the part of his subjects.

## STATE PRISON FIRE.

Southern Indiana Penitentiary at Jeffersonville Damaged to the Extent of \$75,000.

Louisville special: Fire broke out in the shop of the Claggett Saddle Tree Company in the east wing of the Prison South at Jeffersonville, Ind., and that portion of the prison was soon in ruins. The fire then spread to the tailor-shop and dining-room and was soon beyond the control of the Jeffersonville Fire Department. Engines were sent from this city and the flames were confined to the east wing. The loss is \$75,000, \$25,000 to the State and \$50,000 to the Claggett company, which carried \$25,000 insurance. The convicts made no attempt to create a panic and escape, all of them assisting the firemen by the use of buckets.

## FATAL FLAMES.

Five Persons Burned to Death at Cleveland.

The Morgan, a fashionable apartment house, Prospect avenue, near Grand street, Cleveland, caught fire and was totally destroyed. Four women and one child were overcome by the smoke and perished in the flames. The first body found was that of Mrs. Somers, a blind lady, who had apartments on the third floor. She had groped her way to the stairs only to fall there, overcome by the

smoke. The other three women and the child were found lying on the floor of the second story front hall. Their bodies were badly scorched, and it was evident that they had died of suffocation. The fire started in the basement, but as yet the cause is not known. The loss is about \$25,000.

## Liberty Bell Will Ring at the World's Fair.

Philadelphia special: It has been decided that the Liberty bell, the ringing of which proclaimed the independence of the United States, shall be taken to Chicago, the date of the departure from this city being fixed for April 28. The bell will be transported in a special car and four policemen will go along as its special custodian and never lose sight of their charge. A number of city officials will go to Chicago at the time the bell is taken there. On the way to the fair stops will be made in all the large cities so their citizens may have an opportunity of seeing the bell.

## Honors to an American.

A report which was brought from Rome by a Baltimore priest finds general belief among the Roman Catholic clergy of New York. It is to the effect that Mgr. Dennis J. O'Connell, rector of the American college in Rome and for a time secretary to Archbishop Skellon, will be appointed coadjutor, with the right of succession, to the Cardinal Archbishop of Baltimore, and will therefore to the coming primacy of the American Catholic church. Four years ago, it is said, the appointment was about to be made, on account of Cardinal Gibbons' ill health, but it was postponed, as he recovered.

## Russell Harrison Buys Muncie Street Cars.

Muncie (Ind.) special: It has just developed here that a syndicate of capitalists headed by Russell Harrison has purchased the Muncie Street Railway Company's track and equipment, and will soon begin the work of replacing the steam motors with the trolley system. This is the same company that controls lines at Marion and Terre Haute, and the news was very gratifying to Muncie citizens. Lewis Wallace, Jr., attorney for the company, is negotiating with the town council, asking some privileges.

## A Volcano Breaks Out.

City of Mexico special: The volcano of San Martin is now in a state of eruption, after having been extinct for more than a century. The volcano is situated in the midst of a populous agricultural district whose inhabitants have fled to a place of safety. The eruption occurred at night and the scene was one of magnificent grandeur. The flames rose straight up from the crater to a height of 1,000 feet and the lava poured down on the sides of the mountain in streams, doing great damage.

## Explosion of Turpentine.

An explosion of turpentine in the building at 154 to 160 West Lake street, Chicago, owned by the Weisberg Wagon Company, occurred recently. The fire spread rapidly and the building was entirely destroyed. It was occupied by the J. C. Granger Company, manufacturers of baking powders, and sixty-five men and girls employed by them escaped without injury. It is reported that two men were injured by falling walls. The loss will probably reach \$150,000.

## Out the Officer's Track.

Police Officer James Taylor, at Indianapolis, in quelling trouble in a barrelhouse, arrested Charles McGinley, who showed fight. The officer knocked McGinley down, and the latter used his knife, making a horrible cut in Taylor's neck, which laid bare the jugular. McGinley was arrested for attempted murder. Taylor's condition is critical.

## Murdered by a Nihilist.

Moscow special: M. Alexeff, Mayor of this city, who was shot at a meeting of the City Council, died from the effects of his injuries. Adrianoff, his murderer, refuses to make any statement as to his reason for shooting the Mayor, but the police are firm in their conviction that the crime is the outcome of a nihilist plot.

## Capt. Reed Pleaded Not Guilty.

Capt. Reed, of the ship T. F. Oakes, which arrived at San Francisco from New York after an eventful voyage recently, was arraigned in the United States district court at that port on a charge of cruelty at sea, and pleaded not guilty.

## Suicided from Grief.

Mrs. Wm. Middleton, living twelve miles south of Booneville, Ind., suicided by jumping into a cistern and, it is supposed, had grief over her son, who shot and killed himself some time ago, was the cause.

## A Big Haul.

Thieves entered a rear window of the Sullivan County Bank at Middletown, Mo., and the cashier, had gone to dinner. He had left the safe unlocked and the thieves got over \$200,000 and made their escape, leaving no clue.

## Baron Andrada Dead.

Baron Andrada, the Brazilian Argentine Claims Commissioner, who was stricken with apoplexy and paralysis recently, died at the Arlington Hotel, Washington.

## Their Boat Upset.

George W. and Oscar Selby were drowned in Peoria Lake, opposite the city of Peoria, Ill. They were out hunting and their boat capsized.

## THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Common to Prime	3.25	@	8.25
HOGS—Shipping	3.50	@	7.25
SHEEP—Fair to Choice	4.00	@	6.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring	73	@	74
WHEAT—No. 2	40 1/2	@	40
OATS—No. 2	30	@	30 1/2
RYE—No. 2	48	@	50
BUTTER—Choice	24	@	25 1/2
EGGS—Fresh	14	@	15
POTATOES—New	70	@	75

INDIANAPOLIS.

CATTLE—Shipping	3.25	@	5.50
HOGS—Choice Light	3.50	@	7.75
SHEEP—Common to Prime	3.00	@	5.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	75	@	76 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 White	72	@	73
OATS—No. 2	35	@	36

ST. LOUIS.

CATTLE	3.00	@	5.00
HOGS	3.00	@	7.50
SHEEP	3.00	@	5.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	75	@	76
WHEAT—No. 2	70	@	71
OATS—No. 2	31	@	32
RYE—No. 2	48	@	49

CINCINNATI.

CATTLE	3.00	@	5.25
HOGS	3.00	@	7.50
SHEEP	3.00	@	5.25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	77	@	78 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2	72	@	73
OATS—No. 2	31	@	32
RYE—No. 2	48	@	49

TOLEDO.

WHEAT—No. 2	49	@	50
WHEAT—No. 2 Yellow	47	@	48
OATS—No. 2 White	33 1/2	@	34 1/2
RYE	47	@	48

BUFFALO.

CATTLE—Common to Prime	3.50	@	5.50
HOGS—Best Choice	75	@	76 1/2
WHEAT—No. 1 Hard	78 1/2	@	79 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2	74	@	75

MILWAUKEE.

WHEAT—No. 2 Spring	65	@	65 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2	62	@	63
OATS—No. 2	34	@	35
RYE—No. 2	44	@	45
BARLEY—No. 2	42	@	43
PORK—Mess	17 1/2	@	17 3/4

NEW YORK.

CATTLE	3.00	@	5.50
HOGS	3.00	@	7.50
SHEEP	3.00	@	5.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	77	@	78 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2	72	@	73
OATS—No. 2	31	@	32
RYE—No. 2	48	@	49
BARLEY—No. 2	42	@	43
PORK—New Mess	17 1/2	@	17 3/4

## EXHIBITS BY THE TON.

DISPLAYS ARE DAILY INCREASING IN VOLUME.

Installation Outclasses in Importance All Other Work Remarking to Be Done at the World's Fair Grounds—Big Job of House Cleaning.

Ready for the Big Rush.

Chicago correspondence.

Installation of exhibits outclasses in importance all other work remaining to be done at the World's Fair grounds. The great rush has commenced, and the displays are arriving in daily increasing volume. Rush orders have been sent out to all intent and purpose. The department of transportation is thoroughly equipped and ready to handle ten times the daily bulk that has yet been received on the grounds. Preliminary estimates give 30,000 car loads as the probable amount of exhibits that must be received, unpacked, and installed before May 1. Up to date only 2,400 car loads have been received. If from now on, 200 car loads of exhibits should be received each day the last exhibit would not be installed by

## THE GOLDEN ENTRANCE TO TRANSPORTATION BUILDING.

May 1. It is highly important that the transportation department should not be overcrowded at the last moment, and that is why exhibitors have been asked to come early and avoid the rush.

Chief Holcomb's department has already handled some 100,000 exhibits. It has been the trunk of one of California's mammoth trees into the grounds on ordinary flat cars, removed it with skids and rollers inside the United States government building, where it is now erected in the tall dome. The department has landed a United States postal car on the track inside the government building and swung it to its allotted place with special cranes and jacks. In the mines and mining building an exhibit of the Pottstown Iron company, consisting of a steel plate 150 feet long, 30 inches wide, and half an inch thick, has been put in place. In the same building the department has landed two pieces of red sandstone from Wisconsin each about twenty-two feet long and about three and one-half feet square, also six more cubes of the same material, measuring five feet on each side.

## Methods of Installation.

The methods of installation are simple and yet so flexible as to be able to cope with any emergency. All exhibits arriving by train come in over the Baltimore and Ohio or Illinois Central tracks. From the railroad entrance to the grounds the installation department has laid tracks to all the important buildings. On account of the peculiarities of landscape gardening and the location of the buildings it is not possible to run these tracks directly into the buildings. Special push cars and transfer tracks are provided. There are no full-sized tracks in any of the buildings except machinery hall, where the exhibits

## UNLOADING EXHIBITS IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUILDING.

we must prepare for a general cleaning up of the buildings the night and morning before the fair opens to the public. Several of the big buildings, notably mines, machinery and electricity, have been the cause of considerable complaint lately on the part of exhibitors. The floors were too weak to stand the enormous strains of heavy machinery and masses of material heaped upon them. Exhibitors had to go to the

## UNLOADING IN THE MINES BUILDING.

expense of tearing out the floors and putting in new ones. The same trouble under their exhibits. Most of the floors, especially foreign governments and State boards with scant appropriations, protested against the expense, but they were not allowed to bring their displays in until the foundations had been strengthened.

## Trio Go to Prison.

The second of the series of Panama Canal trials came to an end Tuesday. Charles de Lesseps, accused of corrupting ex-Minister of Public Works Balthu to support the Panama lottery bonds bill, was found guilty. Balthu, who confessed his guilt in open court, was also found guilty, and Blondin, who acted as go-between in the bribery of Balthu, was also found guilty. All the other defendants are acquitted.

## Telegraphic Clicks.

Religious rights have been broken out in Amoy, China. Many native Christians have been tortured and a few have been killed.

The Common Council, of Indianapolis, appropriated \$75,000 to assist in defraying the expenses of the Grand Army Encampment.

## The Texas Assembly has Passed a Bill.

A bill requiring railway companies to provide "Jim Crow" depots as well as separate cars for colored people.

## At the Oratorical Contest Held at Central Wesleyan College at Warrenton, Mo.

D. S. Wahl took first honors and C. D. Wallenmyer second honors.

## LITTLE ANTON WOOD, the 11-year-old murderer of Joseph Smith, is again on trial at Des Moines.

He was charged with the murder in the previous case having disguised himself as a boy and shot the prophet.

## WILLIAM RHINE, one of the Leechburg, Pa., bank robbers, was found guilty at Kittanning, Pa., of murder in the second degree and sentenced to twelve years.

HENRY E. ABNEY will be restored to the management of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, the company having decided to issue \$1,000,000 5 per cent. bonds to meet the mortgage.

A bomb with a partly burned fuse was found in an office building at Niagara Falls, N. Y. The theory is that the purpose was to destroy the building, as it has twice been set on fire in recent years.

In a speech before the Congressional Club at Washington, Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, held that it was an injustice for Congress to discriminate against and ostracize the Chinese.

## DETAIL OF THE IOWA BUILDING.

place. This table is so constructed that eighty-foot cars can be placed on it and shunted to the track for which they are designed. This transfer table sustains a weight of 200,000 pounds, and its lateral movement is directly by electric power.

The Krupp gun exhibit is nearly all in Jackson Park. There is one monster gun yet to arrive. The installation of the Krupp exhibit is one of the interesting sights at the park. The exhibitors do their own unloading, and have a track laid right up to the site on the lake front. They have some der-

rieks which will lift 260,000 pounds as if the load were a feather.

The buildings and grounds are scattered with debris and all of it must be removed before the gates are opened, about ten weeks hence. Director General Davis climbed into a wagon the other day and rode all over the grounds. He went through the buildings, tramped over the grounds, sized up great mounds of wrecked staff material and molds, and pricked around among piles of building material. When he came back he said: "It will take 5,000 men a month to clear away this rubbish. We have the biggest job of house cleaning on hand that has ever been undertaken."

Comparatively little cleaning up was done last fall for the dedication exercises. The boulevard leading from several entrances to the main exhibition hall, where the speeches were made, were cleared of rubbish to a low car-rap, a roll along without jolting their occupants out, but that was all. Other parts of the grounds were strewn with rubbish. All of it must be carted away and the parks swept as clean as a lady's boudoir before the gates are opened. The park will probably be swept a dozen times before opening day. There are nearly 700 acres to put in shape.

## THE WAY THINGS RUN

IN THE GREATEST OF GREAT STATES, INDIANA.

Things Which Have Lately Happened Within Its Borders—Some Pleasant and Some Sad Record.

The Governor's Staff.

Governor Matthews has announced his staff as follows: Adjutant General—Irvin Robbins of Indianapolis, with the rank of Brigadier-General. Quartermaster-General—S. M. Comp-ton, Indianapolis, with the rank of Brigadier-General.

Rank of Colonel—Commissary General Charles Buchanan, Union City; Paymaster General, L. H. Porter, Terre Haute; Surgeon General, R. F. Stone, Indianapolis; Military Secretary, Myron D. King, Indianapolis; Inspector General, O. P. Lee, Danville; Chief of Artillery, J. F. Curtis, Indianapolis; Chief Signal Officer, R. E. Graves, Evansville; Chief Ordnance, J. H. Plogers, Ellettsburg; Chief of Engineer Corps, Legrand T. Meyer, Hammond; Inspector of Rifle Practice, Charles Kahlo, Indianapolis.

Rank of Lieutenant Colonel—Assistant Adjutant General, Leon T. Bagley, Huntington; Assistant Quartermaster General, Daniel Esig, Terre Haute; Assistant Commissary General, John Adams, Columbia City; Assistant Paymaster General, S. P. Straus, Logansport; Assistant Surgeon General, E. Carey, Indianapolis; Assistant Inspector General, J. H. Murphy, Indianapolis.

Rank of Major—Vice-Inspector General, Louis Conville, Fort Wayne; Engineer, A. I. Friend, Fort Wayne. Aide-de-Camps—Louis Nicksel, Jr., South Bend; J. M