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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. Capt. Gill, in charge of the prison at night, is in jail now. 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 probably 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 the 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; G. Flower, Jacob H. Shattuck and Walter H. Webb. The present editor of the Times, Charles R. Miller, and the managing editor, George F. Spinney, 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. Morris of Indianapolis, to be Consul General of the United States at Paris.

C. W. Chancellor of Maryland, to be Consul at Havre.

Allen B. Moore of Michigan, to be Consul at Glasgow.

George F. Parker of New York, to be Consul at Birmingham.

Seaton 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 their way. Prospecting has been going on in that vicinity for several years, but it was only recently that one was struck that was said to be high grade and plenty of it. The new camp 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 got 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, 28-1, Brown John, full brother to Storm, Storn 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 Erardes, Paris correspondent of the Berliner Tagblatt, who was suspected of sending to his newspaper an item to the effect that Ernest Carnot 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.

Gold Bank Robbery.

Two desperadoes, the other afternoon, rode into Caney, Kas., walked into the bank and with drawn revolvers compelled Hollingsworth, the State, and Mr. McElroy, 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 to the people of the town had any knowledge of what had happened.

Child's Death in Agony.

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

of these bereaved parents have lost by death.

COL. ELLIOTT E. SHEPARD,
Editor of the New York Mail and Express
Died Suddenly.

Col. Elliott Fitch Shepard, editor of the Mail and Express, died 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 symptoms. The doctor confirmed them and advised him to at least submit to an examination, and to undergo an operation, should it be deemed necessary.

HONORS for 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 Msgr. Dennis J. O'Connell, rector of the American Church in Rome, and for a time secretary to Archbishop Satolli, will be appointed coadjutor, with the right of succession, to the Cardinal Archbishop of Baltimore, and will therefore be the coming primate 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 re-

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 equipments, 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.

ATE THE CAT.

The Extremities to which a Hawk'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 in north latitude 43 degrees 14 minutes, and west longitude 52 degrees 53 minutes, about twenty-five miles east of the banks of Newfoundland. A life-boat was launched from the Alcides and the crew of ten men rescued. Captain Semb of the wrecked bark, said that on March 18 a terrible 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 split, 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 pock-deck, where the crew had assembled. 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 trial. M. Fontaine addressed the jury before they were seated. 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 Fauconne, who was faint from suffering from gout.

When the verdict was announced M. Bahut turned deadly pale. M. Sans-Leroy swooned, overjoyed by his acquittal. M. Fontane, however, was again most affected and fainted for several minutes. When he recovered he embraced his counsel and then tottered to the side of Dr. Lesses, who has been his greatest friend, and, burying his face in his hands, wept like a child. Dr. Lesses visibly affected, leaned over the dock and endeavored to console him, till the guards supporting M. Fontane, cut him from his arms, led him from the court.

As M. Bahut is unable to pay his fines he liable to two years more imprisonment.

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 Brogesche, 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 gathered and cheered the king with frantic enthusiasm and all the way to the palace the scene was like a triumphal progress. King Humbert graciously 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 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.

Warden Faison put on an extra force of guards, who, with pistols in their hands, marched up and down outside of the ruined walls, ready to shoot down any convict who made a break for liberty. The prisoners will be placed in the two cell houses, which were not touched by the fire.

FATAL FLAMES.

Five Persons Burned to Death at Cleve-land.

The Morgan, a fashionable apartment house on Prospect Avenue, near Granger street, Cleveland, caught fire and was totally destroyed. Four women and a 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 and fell 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 bundled together, 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 \$5,000.

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 thirteen states, will be taken to Chicago, the date and departure from this city being set 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 that their citizens may have an opportunity of seeing the bell.

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EXHIBITS BY THE TON.

DISPLAYS ARE DAILY INCREASING IN VOLUME.

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Ready for the Big Rush.

Chicago correspondence:

Instalation 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 intending exhibitors. The department of transportation is thoroughly equipped and can handle ten times the daily task that has yet been re-

quired. The boulevards leading from several entrances to the Manufacture Hall, where the speeches were made, were cleared of rubbish to a low carriage, to 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 open day. There are nearly 700 acres to put in shape,

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

Big Job of House Cleaning.

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 piled 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 boulevards leading from several entrances to the Manufacture Hall, where the speeches were made, were cleared of rubbish to a low carriage, to 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 open day. There are nearly 700 acres to put in shape,

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The Governor's Star.

Governor Matthews has announced his staff as follows:

Adjutant General—Irvin Robbins of Indianapolis, with the rank of Brigadier-General.

Quartermaster-General—S. M. Compion, Indianapolis, with the rank of Brigadier-General.

Rank of Colonel—Commissary General Charles Buchanan, Union City; Paymaster-General, L. B. Martin, Terre Haute; Surgeon-General, R. F. Stone, Indianapolis; Military Secretary, Myron D. King, Indianapolis; Inspector-General, O. P. Lee, Danville; Chief of Artillery, J. B. Curtis, Indianapolis; Chief Signal Officer, R. E. Graves, Evansville; Chief of Ordnance, J. B. Plessinger, Bluffton; Chief of Engineers, T. W. Meyer, Indianapolis; Inspector of Rifle Practice, Charles Kahlo, Indianapolis.

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

Rank of Major—Ordnance Officer, Louis Centlivre, Fort Wayne; Engineer, A. I. Friend, Fort Wayne.

Adjudicating—Louis Nickel, Jr., South Bend; J. M. Healey, Indianapolis; F. A. Hays, Spencer; J. W. Baugher, Terre Haute; W. H. Cullen, Green-castle; A. W. Mewhinney, Terre Haute.

The Indianapolis city council has passed the ordinance by a vote of 15 to 6 appropriating \$75,000 in aid of the national encampment G. A. R.

Minor State News.

A PUBLIC reading room has been opened at Seymour.

Over 1,000 Bedford people have signed the total abstinence pledge.

Six oysters