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OUR NEWS SUMMARY.

A PENNSYLVANIA LADY BURIED ALIVE.

A locomotive fireman's heroic and thrilling act—Sad drowning at Fort Wayne—Suffered for another's crime—Aged couple hurt.

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Martin's Ferry (Ohio) special: Fireman Simms, of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh freight train, is to be presented with a gold medal for the heroic rescue from a horrible death of the bright 3-year-old daughter of John Row, proprietor of the Tiltonville Pottery. The child got away from home with her baby doll carriage, and, getting on the railroad track, was on a bridge, when the train rounded a sharp curve. The child saw the train but was so frightened she could not move. The quick eye of Simms took in the state of affairs, and, springing to his feet, made his way over the engine, arriving just in time to grasp the child's clothing and get her out of the road when the train dashed by. The child's mother and a number of friends saw the impending danger, but were powerless to render aid, and when the noble rescuer handed the child to the almost frantic, but overjoyed mother, she fainted dead away.

Public Debt Statement.

The monthly public debt statement issued from the Treasury Department, shows a considerable reduction in the debt and a slight increase in the gold reserve during last month. There was an increase of \$897,136 in the net cash balance on surplus, and a decrease of \$32,112 in the non-interest bearing debt, while the interest bearing debt increased slightly—\$1,990—making a net decrease in the debt of \$1,217,258. The gold reserve to-day is \$65,485,413, or \$436,773 more than it was a month ago, and the Treasury surplus to-day, including this gold reserve, is \$122,462,290. The total debt to-day, less the Treasury surplus, is \$838,969,476 made up in round numbers of \$60,000,000 four per cent, bonds and \$376,000,000 of non-interest bearing debt. Treasury gold assets to-day aggregate \$188,455,432, against which there are gold certificate demand liabilities outstanding amounting to about \$93,000,000, leaving the gold balance, as before stated, about \$95,500.

Suffered for Another Man's Crime.

Recently a man giving his name as Louis Trowbridge walked into the office of Chief of Police Harrigan of St. Louis, and asked to be arrested. He is a self-confessed forger, and has been free for eight years, while another man has been suffering for his crime. Eight years ago Trowbridge, then a San Francisco lumber merchant, forged a note for \$1,800, using the name of Warren Jones, banker, at Eureka, Cal. He got the money on the note from James Harmon. Harmon was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Stricken with remorse, he now gives himself up.

Buried Alive.

Charles Boyer of Morrisons, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, showed signs of dementia about nine months ago. His wife died, and he declared that she had been murdered. To satisfy him, the body was disinterred recently. The relatives were horrified to find every evidence that the woman had been buried alive. The body lay in the coffin face downward, the glass in the lid was broken and the hands had torn the shroud. The husband seemed pleased at his discovery, and he has been more rational than for a year. The body was reinterred.

Sad News Awakes Her.

At Fort Wayne, Alfred, the 19-year-old son of Prof. Zucher of Concordia College, was drowned while bathing with a number of young friends. It was several hours before the body was recovered. A sad feature of the fatality is that the boy's mother is on the Atlantic Ocean, en route to Singapore, India.

To Fight at Roby.

James Corbett has signed an agreement to fight Charley Mitchell at the Chicago Columbian Athletic Club rooms, at Roby, Ind., for a \$45,000 purse. Three hours later Mitchell cabled his acceptance. The fight is to be a finish between the 1st and 20th of December, 1893.

Died During the Music.

Miss M. E. Sweet, the oldest lady in the Laporte, Ind., schools, died suddenly of apoplexy. She was attacked while attending a concert of the Indiana Music Teachers' Association.

Aged Lady's Fall.

Mrs. McMahon, an aged lady of Anio, Ohio, fell down stairs and received injuries which are considered fatal.

Aged Couple Hurt.

At Gallipolis, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schenck, two well-known and aged citizens, were caught by a freight train while crossing the Hocking Valley track and seriously injured.

Killed in a Collision.

In a rear end collision on the Lake Shore road, at Hudson Lake, near LaPorte, Ind., William Puli, brakeman, of Mishawaka, Ind., was instantly killed.

Value of Our Silver Dollar.

Secretary Carlisle received a cablegram stating that the price of silver in London was 68¢ cents per ounce, at which rate the silver dollar as bullion was worth 53 cents. Nevertheless the point is, of course, apparent that the purchasing power of the silver dollar with silver bullion at 68¢ cents per ounce is as great to-day as it was when silver was worth \$1.22 per ounce and the bullion value of the silver dollar was 93 cents. It should be equally obvious that this is so because it is known that the credit of the United States is behind all its other forms of money and without which

none of them, except gold coin and gold certificates, would be worth their par value in the money markets of the world.

AN EXTRA SESSION.

Congress Called to Assemble August 7. President Cleveland has left Washington for Buzzard's Bay, Mass., before leaving he issued a call for Congress to assemble in extra session, August 7. The determination to call the extra session the first week in August instead of the first week in September, it is understood, was only definitely arrived at at a recent Cabinet session after giving full weight to the numerous telegrams received from all parts of the country, urging this course. Another consideration which caused the President to change his mind was foreshadowed in the remark made by one of his cabinet officers a few days ago, that if the President received reasonable assurances that there was a likelihood of a prompt repeal of the so-called Sherman-silver purchase law he might be disposed to call Congress together earlier than he had announced. It is inferred that the President has done so that he considers he has obtained the assurance he desired. Most of the cabinet officers have followed the President's example and left the city or are leaving the city for brief vacations. Those who remain say the President's proclamation speaks for itself and decline to discuss the situation further.

FORCED AND UNNATURAL

Is the Present Financial Situation.

Cincinnati special: The committee appointed by the Board of Trade and Transportation to inquire into the cause of the present financial crisis and report the same, responded with a report as follows:

1. That the present financial stress is forced and unnatural.

2. It is caused by a distrust of silver currency.

The committee urges the speedy convening of Congress and suggests as a remedy:

1. The repeal of the Sherman silver bill.

2. That national banks be permitted to issue bills to the full face of their bonded securities.

3. That the Government substitute for the present silver currency, silver coinage equal to its face value in gold.

The committee recommends the general organization of a trade board to press this matter on Congress.

KILLED BY TRAMPS.

A railroad crew attempt to eject tramps, and the conductor is killed.

Four tramps were put off a train on the Michigan Central Railroad near Dowagiac, Mich. A general fight ensued, and the conductor, Charles Foster, was shot by one of the tramps and fatally wounded. The tramps escaped, but everything possible will be done to secure their arrest. The men are described as follows: No. 1 is a negro, about five feet seven inches high, and wore a dark plaid coat and vest, light colored pants, tan colored shoes and left ear which had been bitten at some time. No. 2 about six feet tall, slimly built, dark suit of clothes and brown hat. No. 3 is dark complexioned and wore dark clothes and blue shirt, five feet seven inches high, medium build, and had four fingers of his left hand cut off, and had sandy mustache. Foster has since died.

Lost Treasures.

There is considerable excitement in Knobster, John County, Missouri, over the search that is being made there for the \$1,500,000 in gold supposed to have been buried there by Spaniards many years ago. Tradition says that the Spaniards were conveying the gold from Mexico to Booneville for shipment on the river to New York, when they were attacked by Indians, and while making a defense they buried their treasure. On the spot where debris of the wagons had been found, excavations were commenced last week, and the work has been prosecuted vigorously ever since, but so far no trace of the gold has been found. The searchers are confident that they are on the right track.

Western Kansas Farmers Sorely Afflicted.

Topeka (Kas.) special: Governor Lewelling is in receipt of a large number of letters from Western Kansas requesting him to call an extra session of the Legislature to afford relief to the drought stricken farmers. He says that he is convinced that a majority of the people are in favor of a special session he will decline to make a call. He is of the opinion that it will be cheaper for the people to raise the money necessary by subscription, than to pay taxes to defray the expenses of a thirty day session. The railroads will be asked to help.

Refused One-Half Million.

A Chicago special of June 30 says the men of No-to-Bac, a proprietary medicine sold under a absolute guarantee to cure the tobacco habit in every form, have met with such wonderful success that a syndicate offer of one-half million has been refused. It is said that their sales are enormous, and that there is hardly a drug store in this country and Canada but what sells it. They differ from any other proprietary concerns in the fact that they promptly refund money when No-to-Bac fails to cure.

Threatened with a Johnstown Flood.

East Liverpool (Ohio) special: A feeling akin to consternation was created here when it became known that the lower reservoir situated on the hillside thirty-five feet above the eastern part of the city was in imminent danger of collapsing. The reservoir contains about 3,000,000 gallons of water, and should it burst would involve destruction to a number of manufacturing establishments. The situation is growing more critical, the water pouring from a rapidly growing fissure in the wall in torrents.

Silver Depressed.

The Mollie Gibson mine at Aspen, Colo., the largest silver producer in the State, has closed down and will not resume operations until the outlook for silver is improved. All the big properties in that place have reduced their forces, nearly 500 men being discharged. A meeting of mine managers will be held in Denver to consider the situation and take some concerted action. Smelters have ceased buying ore and will confine themselves to that on hand or contracted for.

German Elections.

Berlin special: Reports received from Kissingen, Schwerin, and Lohr, complete the returns from all 397 electoral constituencies of the empire. Of these 397 deputees, 199 are counted for the army bill, and 185 against it. Thirteen are classed as doubtful.

The Nord Deutsche Zeitung, calculates that at the opening of the reichstag, 205 deputees will favor the army bill, and 191 will be opposed to it.

A Young Couple Drowned.

A double drowning occurred at Watertown, N. Y., on Black River.

At a popular resort known as Glen Park, Walter Darling, aged 21 years, son of a widow who resides at Brockville, was in a boat with Miss Abi Wooley, his sweetheart, aged 16 years. They allowed the boat to pass under the bridge and near the falls. Suddenly the boat capsized and they were thrown into the water. Both were drowned.

Captured the Town.

Valparaiso special: General Salesado surprised the garrison at Carpenter's and captured the town after routing the Third Infantry. General Salesado is marching toward San Berja. His troops had an unimportant skirmish with a small Castilian force. It is said that the revolutionists are preparing for a final campaign, in which the movements of their troops are to be directed by two German army officers, whose services have been secured by the revolutionary committee in Montevideo.

THE FERRIS WHEEL.

IT IS THE LANDMARK AND NOVELTY OF THE FAIR.

Visitors Ask Their First Question When They See It from Afar—How It Is Made and What It Cost—Arrangements for Carrying Passengers.

Away Up in the Air.

World's Fair correspondence:

"What is on earth is that?"

This is the astonished inquiry that every passenger on the Illinois Central, the "L," and the steamboat lines on the lake makes as soon as he gets his first sight of the Ferris Wheel. And he asks it afar off, for the wheel is the landmark of the Fair.

The wheel is never left to itself, but is always directly and constantly controlled by a steam engine. The wheel points east and west, and the engine, which is a 1,000 horse-power reversible Blooming train engine, is located under the east half of it, and sunk four feet in the ground. The machinery is very similar to that used in the power-houses

wheel being 40 feet and perpendicular, and the other sides slanting. Each tower has four great feet, and each foot rests on an underground concrete foundation 20x20x20 feet. Cross-bars of steel are laid around the base of the concrete, and the feet of the tower are connected with and bolted to them with iron rods.

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