

# Democratic Press.

DECATUR, IND.

Democratic Press Co. Publishers.

## THE FLEETING NEWS.

### IS CAUGHT ON THE WING FOR OUR INTELLIGENT READERS.

A Spanish Battleship Fires Three Shots at an American Steamer—New Orleans the Scene of a Bloody Race War—Defaulter Taylor Arrested.

#### THE RACE RIOT.

The Situation at New Orleans Not at all Encouraging.

New Orleans special: The thick fog Thursday morning was the veil behind which desperate white levee laborers gathered and which they penetrated with Winchester rifle-balls aimed at colored non-union men at work at the ships. The attack was made at points several miles apart, just before the arrival of the police, and as a result there are a half dozen corpses and a dozen wounded men. The police saw the attack, but no arrests followed, they claiming they were too few to cope with the unexpected outbreak. The day before the Mayor said all was quiet and the Governor saw no grounds of interference, but now business men are denouncing both; the militia is in readiness to move; an appeal to the Federal government has virtually been made and even foreign consuls have decided to join in the move for peace at any price. The causes which led to the trouble have been of long standing and grew out of the attempt of steamship agents and others interested to reduce expenses. The white scowmen claim the colored men were given their share of work under the agreement, but made secret cuts and violated the agreement in order to obtain more work and gradually crowded the white men off.

The dead—William Campbell, colored scowman, shot at Phillips; Jules Calice Carrabe, shoemaker, shot in front of Lyons' clothing store; unknown, shot in vicinity of Cromwell line; unknown negro in same vicinity, not identified; Leonard Mallard, colored scowman, shot over right eye.

Injured—James A. Bane, white purser steamship Engineer, shot in head twice and arm once, dangerous; Henry Brown, colored scowman, shot five times, both arms and legs, will recover; Tim Perstein, colored coal wheeler, shot seven times, both legs, thigh, and head, may recover; Luis Cast, colored employee sugar refinery, shot in hip, will recover; Billy Williams, colored scowman, shot in leg, will recover; Frank Lightfoot, colored driver for cement firm, shot in leg, dangerous; Robert Brooks, white longshoreman, shot with Winchester in right leg below the knee.

Two negroes, names unknown, jumped into the river and it is believed both are drowned.

#### FIRE ON.

A Yankee Merchant Vessel Chased by a Spanish Warship.

The Colombian line steamer Alianza, Captain Grossman, from Colon, which has arrived at New York, brings a startling tale of outrage at sea. March 8, at about 7:30 o'clock in the morning, when the steamer was off the east end of the island of Cuba, a brigantine-rigged man-of-war flying the Spanish flag, was passed, steering in the same direction at a distance of about a mile and a half. The Alianza dipped her colors in salute in courtesy, which was accepted and reciprocated by the Spaniard. A few minutes later a puff of smoke appeared from the man-of-war's bow and a report followed. This was followed a few minutes later by another blank cartridge. Capt. Grossman did not pay any attention to the shooting, and continued on his course northward. The man-of-war then altered its course to follow the Alianza and almost at once another gun was fired and a solid shot came bounding toward the American steamer, missing her narrowly. Two other balls were fired, but both went wide. The Spaniard fast dropped astern and after a chase of about twenty-five miles altered her course and headed back. Capt. Grossman can advance no theory to account for the outrageous conduct of the Spaniard. He declares his intention of bringing the matter to the attention of Secretary Gresham at once.

#### TAYLOR Under Arrest.

A dispatch from Tampa says that ad- vices have been received there to the effect that ex-State Treasurer Taylor, of South Dakota, who is a defaulter to the amount of \$365,000, has been arrested at Vera Cruz, Mexico, to which point he was traced by American detectives.

#### GEN. HARRISON III.

Ex-President Harrison is confined to his room at his residence on North Delaware street, Indianapolis, with an attack of grip. He has been ill for some time, and for a day or so there were fears that his illness might take a serious turn, but at present he is convalescing.

#### He Will Lecture.

Indianapolis special: S. E. Nicholson is to be the President of the Good Citizenship State League. He is the author of parts of the Nicholson bill and is to make an active campaign by a lecturing tour throughout Indiana in behalf of temperance and good citizenship.

#### A False Report.

Cape Henry (Va.) special: The report that President Cleveland is suffering from a sprained knee is false. Mr. Cleveland has been unusually well during his entire cruise in these waters. The Violet is still at anchor in Pamlico Sound, near Cape Hatteras.

#### Roby Track to Open Again.

The directors of the Roby Racing Association decided to open the track April 15, and unless interfered with by the Governor of Indiana, the meeting will continue until May 1, when the regular season opens at Hawthorne.

#### United States Marshal Resigns.

United States Marshal Henry Bohl, of the southern district of Ohio, has tendered his resignation to the President.

#### Many Armenians Killed.

According to a dispatch from Constantinople, unconfirmed rumors were current of fresh disorder at Karahisar, in the valley of Sivas, Asiatic Turkey. Additional advices from the same source say that many Armenians have been killed and wounded at Karahisar.

#### Died from Fright.

During a small fire in a dry goods store at Decatur, Ill., Mrs. C. P. Thatcher, aged 56, well known in society, became so badly frightened that she died in a few hours.

#### FIRE IN A MINE.

The Burning of a Shaft House in a Manitoba Mine Causes Loss of Life.

Winnipeg (Man.) special: The shaft house of the Sultana mine, near Rat Portage was destroyed by fire. The fire communicated to the shaft and the miners underground were imprisoned for seven hours before the fire was extinguished. Two of them died soon after being brought to the surface; six others are in a precarious condition while the rest of the men are still in the mine.

The fire caught in the drying room and is supposed to have been started by a pipe in the pocket of a coat hanging on the wall. Foreman Johnson noticing the fire and called on the men to assist in putting it out but all ran away, being afraid of explosives in the drying room. Mr. Johnson rushed into the fiery room, removed two boxes of powder and then directed his attention to an attempt to save the building.

As soon as the ruins were sufficiently cooled, it was found that the timbers lining the shaft were blazing and the water was directed on these timbers, but in the excitement a greater portion of it fell useless down the shaft. About this time help arrived from Rat Portage and shortly afterward the fire was extinguished in the shaft and Messrs. Motley Bell, assayer at the mine, and Foreman Johnson rigged a hoist, descended the shaft and found six men on the first level. They were apparently suffocated. They descended to the lower level and found three more, but these men were in better shape than the others and efforts were begun to raise the others. The first three brought up were suffering badly, but were resuscitated after a short time under Dr. MacDonnell's attendance. The fourth man, however, John Lagier, was very low when he arrived at the surface and died shortly after. The others were in a critical condition when brought to the surface, but all recovered excepting Rudolph Erickson.

#### DASTARDLY DEED.

Ties Piled Upon the Nickel Plate Track at Valparaiso.

Some unknown person made an attempt the other night to wreck the express train, east bound, on the Nickel Plate road, just west of Valparaiso, Ind. They had placed ties with one end under the rail and the other projecting over the opposite rail, then piled ties behind them. The engineer could not stop his train before striking the obstruction and knocking part of them off, dragging the others about two hundred yards. The engine had to be raised before the ties could be removed. The passengers were all thrown from their seats, but no one was seriously injured. It is supposed to have been the work of train robbers. This point is the most isolated place along the road between here and Hobart and in a deep cut. Attempts have been made to wreck trains on the Chicago and Grand Trunk road just south of here.

Henry Heck, aged twenty-three, of Chicago, was arrested by Special Detective J. C. Horton, of the Nickel Plate, for the attempted wrecking. Heck was taken to Valparaiso, and admitted that he did it, claiming that he had no assistance, also that he was drunk. The officers do not believe his story, as other footprints were found.

#### MAD RIOT.

The Indiana Legislature Ends in Shame and Disgrace.

The Indiana Legislature broke up in a wild riot Monday night, in which almost every member participated. Revolvers were drawn and many persons were seriously injured, Adams of Parke County, perhaps fatally. For fully twenty minutes the State House was filled with a howling, surging mob. Men who had been friends side by side during the session, became deadly enemies, and made every effort to injure each other.

The trouble originated over the bill to supplant Custodian Griffin, a Democrat, with a Republican. The bill was delivered to the Governor three nights ago. It was his scheme to hold it to the last minute and then the legislature could not pass it over his veto, as by statute adjournment would take place at 12 o'clock. The Governor's secretary started with the bill with ten minutes' time. The Republicans attempted by force to prevent his reaching the legislative hall with the bill in time.

Adams, who was injured, is representative of Parke County. He was kicked in the pit of the stomach and had to be carried from the House.

#### A STRANGE TALE

Of Mutiny and Wrecking That Will Be Investigated.

From reports received at the State Department from the United States Consul at Callao, Peru, there is a good reason to suspect that the strange tale that came to Philadelphia in a letter from Charles Jones, of the mutiny aboard the American bark Portland Lloyd, and the wrecking of the vessel near Junin, Chile, was put afloat to cover desertion or some misconduct on the part of some of the crew of the vessel.

United States Consul Jastermski at Callao has been looking into the matter, and it appears that the report is much older than the date assigned by the alleged steward of the ship. According to the Consul's report, the bark, which was built in Maine, and haled from Seattle, put into Callao toward the end of last year. She cleared for Junin, Chile, about December 1, and soon after there were stories afloat to the effect that the crew had mutinied, that the officers had been killed, and that the ship had been wrecked with the loss of all but two men.

The Consul traced the story to letters written by one E. M. Baker, and another man who claimed that they had been the only men to escape.

#### FATALLY INJURED.

Shocking Accident at Detroit During a Fire.

A shocking accident occurred at the intersection of Canfield avenue and the railroad tracks, Detroit, Mich. There had been a fire which hook and ladder company No. 5 had been called. As the truck was crossing the Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee track at the point above stated, a freight train dashed down the track and smashing into the truck threw it from the track. The following men were probably fatally hurt and were conveyed to the hospital: Driver Anthony Korte, married, aged 26; Steersman Christian Geobel, widower, aged 51; Lieut. Charles L. Chase, single, aged 35. The time of one of the hook and ladder forks entered Korte's head, penetrating the brain. The truck was thrown about 150 feet and wrecked. The horses were badly mangled. Capt. M. F. Wirth, was also bruised.

#### Col. Coit Cleared.

Columbus special: The report of the Special Court of Inquiry investigating the conduct of Col. A. B. Coit, in command of the Fourteenth Regiment at the Washington C. H. riot, has been made public by Gov. McKinley. The report exonerates Col. Coit and commends him for valor.

#### Died from Fright.

During a small fire in a dry goods store at Decatur, Ill., Mrs. C. P. Thatcher, aged 56, well known in society, became so badly frightened that she died in a few hours.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the investigation, however, is a statement of the affair which Gov. McKinley feels called upon to make to the public in connection with the report. The Governor, in unqualified terms, endorses the action of Col. Coit, and his statement virtually amounts to a charge to the jury which is to try the Colonel for manslaughter to return a verdict of not guilty. The Military Commission reviews at length the facts concerning the cause of the riot, all of which go to show the justice of the order to fire on the mob.

#### A PLUCKY WOMAN OPERATOR.

Duluth special: Some passengers who came on in the Northern Pacific train from the west recently, were decidedly nervous until they were some distance this side of Kimberly. Saturday night about 11 o'clock Mrs. Reichart, night operator at Kimberly, twelve miles this side of Aitken, heard three rough-looking men in the station planning to wreck a passenger train that night at a bridge near Kimberly. She at once wired the dispatcher at Brainerd. The three men heard the key working and jumped to the conclusion she was wiring the railroad people. They rushed for the door of her office and tried to break in, but were met by the plucky woman who fired four shots through the door. The men took to their heels. The railroad officials sent out word for the section men to patrol the track for several miles and the train was run very cautiously through that part of the country and no trouble was experienced.

#### TWO PERSON KILLED.

The Florida vestibule train No. 31, southbound, was wrecked at Scotland, Ga., by a tampered switch, the staple being broken. The train consisted of three Pullmans, first and second class coaches, mail and express car, every one of which was derailed, the Pullman first and second class coaches being thrown on their sides. One of the coaches was occupied by the Roland Reed company and the others having a full complement of passengers. That there was no greater damage is miraculous. The schedule running time is fifty miles an hour and the engine crashed into some cars on the sidetrack, telescoping itself in a box car. Mrs. C. D. Subers and 5 years-old daughter were killed and many injured.

#### STRONG TEAM.

St. Louis special: Rev. Parkhurst of New York, is coming to St. Louis, as announced, to engage in the work of Sunday reform in conjunction with Sam Jones and the local clergy. The Sabbath Association has decided upon a line of action. Sam Jones has been appealed to to lend his moral support during the rest of his stay, and Dr. Parkhurst of New York, has consented to come in a few days and deliver a series of lectures to aid the work.

#### ATTORNEYS HAVE BEEN RETAINED TO PROSECUTE ALL VIOLATORS OF THE STATUTES AND ORDINANCES, AND THE PLANS ARE COMPLETE FOR AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SIN.

#### COMRADES OF THE BATTLEFIELD.

The order of Comrades of the Battlefield will hold its annual meeting and promotional service for the dead at the Chickamauga Military Park on September 19 and 20, 1895, the time of the dedication, permission to do so having been obtained from the Commission Chairman, Gen. J. S. Fullerton. The General Commanding, George E. Doton of No. 24 South Commercial street, St. Louis, requests that all soldiers who served the nation should address him for information concerning the coming event, in order to encourage a full attendance on the days of the celebration.

#### BLOW THE ROOFS OFF.

A phenomenon in the form of an electrical storm was witnessed at Galipolis, Ohio, recently. A terrific windstorm accompanied it, unroofing buildings and blowing down trees. Neal's big wheat elevator was unroofed and the walls badly damaged. An empty coal car was blown from a siding on to the main track of the C. H. & T. Railroad, and was discovered just a few moments before the southbound passenger train was due.

#### ONE OF THEM DEAD.

At Spencerville, Ohio, the infant child of Clarence Martin choked to death by the bursting of a gathering in the head. This is one of the three children that were so horribly frozen some time ago while making their escape from their burning house.

#### CRUSHED BY A LOG.

James Rhody, aged 34, a laborer, of Frankfort, Ky., was killed in a clearing in the Flat Creek neighborhood. A huge log became suddenly dislocated, rolling down the hillside, passing over his body. Rhody formerly lived at Poneto, Ind.

#### HORRIBLE DEATH.

At Carrollton, Ky., Thomas J. Malone, Jr., an employee of Block's distillery, was found dead in the corn crib, the corn having caved in on him. He was about 40 years old.

#### ALFRED MILNES.

Alfred Milnes of Coldwater, Mich., has been nominated as the Republican candidate for Congress in the Third district, to succeed Congressman Burrows.

#### THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.75@6.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00@4.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00@4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 52@53c; corn, No. 2, 43@44c; oats, No. 2, 28@29c; rye, No. 2, 52@54c; butter, choice creamery, 18@18 1/2c; eggs, fresh, 14@15c; potatoes, car lots, per bushel, 70@80c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00@5.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00@4.50; sheep, \$2.00@4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 52@53c; corn, No. 1, white, 41@42c; oats, No. 2 white, 33@34c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00@5.75; hogs, \$3.00@4.50; sheep, \$2.50@4.50; wheat, No. 2, 55@55 1/2c; corn, No. 2, mixed, 43@44 1/2c; oats, No. 2, 32@32 1/2c; rye, No. 2, 58@59c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50@4.50; hogs, \$4.00@5.50; sheep, \$2.00@4.50; wheat, No. 1 white, 57@58c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 43@44c; oats, No. 2 white, 33@34c; rye, No. 2, 55@56c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2, red, 55@56c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 43@43 1/2c; oats, No. 2 white, 33@34c; rye, No. 2, 55@56c.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50@4.00; hogs, \$3.00@4.75; sheep, \$3.00@4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 58@59c; corn, No. 2, 46@47c; oats, No. 2 white, 31@32c; barley, No. 2, 53@55c; rye, No. 1, 52@54c; pork, mess, \$10.50@11.00.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 54@55c; corn, No. 3, 43@43 1/2c; oats, No. 2 white, 33@34c; rye, No. 2, 55@56c.

Chicago—Cattle, \$3.00@4.00; hogs, \$4.00@5.00; sheep, \$3.00@4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 60@61c; corn, No. 2, 50@51c; oats, white Western, 37@41c; butter, creamery, 15@16c; eggs, Western, 17@18c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00@4.00; hogs, \$4.00@5.00; sheep, \$3.00@4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 60@61c; corn, No. 2, 50@51c; oats, white Western, 37@41c; butter, creamery, 15@16c; eggs, Western, 17@18c.