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HISTORY OF A WEEK.

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS OF THE WORLD.

The Cuban Insurgents Are Not Losing
Ground in the Island of Cuba—A
British Steamer Given Up for Lost—
Daring Robbery at Laporte, Ind.

Only Eight Miles Away.

Havana special: The latest word, just received, is that sounds of cannon and musketry have been heard in the neighborhood of Guanajay, an important town of 4,000 inhabitants in Pinar del Rio, forty-five miles southward of Havana. It is supposed an engagement is taking place there between the forces of Gen. Suarez Valdes and the insurgents, but the numbers engaged or the course which the fortune of the fight is taking is not known. The insurgents were burning and destroying Wednesday up to within eight miles of Havana. The district around the village of Calabazar is only two miles from Vento, where the apparatus is located upon which Havana depends for its water supply. In the Calabazar and Hoyo Colorado districts cane has been burned in the fields of Maulin, Garro, and Baracoa.

Murdered by There Robbers.

Henry Baker, a veteran from the Dayton (Ohio) Soldiers' Home, was murdered by three colored men at Marion, Ind. Baker, who is a member of Company C, Eighty-second Indiana Infantry, was the guest of friends, with whom he was enjoying the evening at a saloon near the Soldiers' Home. During the evening he had cause to go out, when the colored men followed him and commenced to go through his pockets. Baker attempted to fight for his life, but a broken head and several bruises on the body, made with a club, soon felled him. The robbers made their escape with his money and watch. Baker was found several hours afterwards with hands and feet frozen in an unconscious condition. He cannot live.

All Went Down.

The British steamer, Wild Flower, Captain Tonewell, which sailed from Philadelphia December 11, for Rouen, France, with 1,173,629 gallons of crude oil, worth \$60,000, manned by a crew of thirty men, was blown up or founded at sea and all hands perished, no tidings having been received from the ship since she left the Delaware breakwater that day. She probably met with the disaster when not far from shore, by the memorable gale of December 11, which sent to the bottom the Stag line steamship, Laurestina, which left the same day, bound to Sligo, Ireland, laden with grain.

Daring Robbery at Laporte.

At Laporte, Ind., the clothing house of Matt Kreidler was entered between 6 and 7 o'clock the other evening and the safe robbed of \$500. The robbers found the safe unlocked and the vault containing the money was carried away. The proprietor had left the store to go to supper, the thieves taking advantage of his absence to loot the safe. Shortly after 7 o'clock a well dressed man, supposed to be the robber, boarded a west bound train for Chicago.

Crushed to Death.

Fire caused the loss of two lives, the injury of one man, and the destruction of two houses with their contents, at Wheaton, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. In battling with the fire a number of men were caught under a falling chimney of one of the dwellings and were crushed. The dead are Albert Grant, carpenter; Arthur Vernon, employed in a publishing house in Chicago.

Died at Washington.

Gen. William Polke Lasselle, died at Washington, aged 59 years, the result of a fall. Gen. Lasselle was born at Logansport, Ind., from where he entered the army as a member of Company K, Ninth Indiana Volunteers. He was twice breveted for gallant and meritorious conduct and reached the rank of Brigadier General of Volunteers.

Emperor Firm.

Berlin special: At a special audience Dr. Leydes, Secretary of State of the Transvaal, had with Emperor William, his Majesty declared that he would not recognize any claim of suzerainty over the Transvaal. Great Britain, by the treaty of 1881, claims suzerainty over the Transvaal.

Crushed His Body.

A dreadful accident occurred at the Chicago and Erie car shops, at Huntington, Ind. William Stewart, a car repairer, was caught between the end of the coach and the shop entrance and was instantly crushed to death.

Masonic Temple Theater, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Jan. 20.—Florence Bindley.
Jan. 23.—"Bunch of Keys."
Jan. 28.—Bruce Wallace.
Feb. 1.—"The Engineer."

Murdered His Wife.

Allen Shultz, a young negro, shot his wife at Cleveland, Tenn., instantly killing her. Jealousy is supposed to be the cause.

A Horrible Crime.

Henry Dickerson, a sneak thief and burglar, supposed to belong in Louisville, but confined in jail at Cairo, Ill., for some time, charged with burglary and grand larceny, cut a fellow-prisoner, Charles Wilson, colored, across the abdomen, the knife penetrating through to the spine. Afterward he cut off a portion of the intestines, rolled it in a paper and handed it to Assistant Jailer Irwin when the latter came to the cell, saying: "Here is a piece of his entrails." His victim cannot live. Wilson had betrayed a plan of Dickerson and other prisoners to escape.

GRIM WAR.

It Is Being Felt in All Its Terror on the Island of Cuba.

Havana special: The lines of communication are cut in every direction out of Havana. It is reported from the province of Pinar del Rio that the insurgent columns have covered a wide territory unceasingly destroying sugar cane and damaging the tobacco crop. At Cabanas, a seaport town of considerable importance, the insurgents destroyed the light-house and burned Guira Melena completely. Guira Melena is an important village of 4,000 inhabitants in a fertile district. The insurgents plundered the church, business houses, stores, and private residences, and then destroyed them entirely. They killed the Mayor and a prominent merchant.

Similar tales come from all towns in the route of the insurgents' march. Guara, a small village east of Guara Melena, and west of Guines, is also burned.

The zone included in the country about the villages of Quivican, Duran and San Felipe in the southern part of the province of Havana has been swept clean by the destructive touch of the insurgents. The plantations of Salvador, Julia, San Augustin, Santa Teresa, Mercedita, Mora and Miroso, have been burned.

Incoming trains from the south are bringing in vast throngs of refugees, men and women, some of whom have been burned out of house and home, but most of them fleeing from fear of violence, having hastily gathered their household goods. This large infusion of panic-stricken people into the city's population, spreads the contagion of alarm.

FRIGHTFUL CASUALTIES.

An Explosion at St. Louis Deals Out Slaughter.

At 1 o'clock Friday afternoon a series of terrific explosions laid waste the vicinity of Second and Vine streets, St. Louis, where printing houses and allied trades are numerous. Just after the clock stroke a boiler in Geo. F. Merz's printing office, No. 208 North Third street, just across the alley from the storage and commission house of H. B. Grubb, exploded. In the rear of the Grubb establishment a large quantity of fireworks was stored and a second explosion occurred, followed immediately by a third that lifted the Grubb building and dropped it in a mass of wreckage. The explosion caused general consternation and every window for three blocks was broken. A large plate glass window in the Merchants' Exchange, four blocks away, was shattered, and the traders stamped. Nineteen persons were seriously injured and at 6 p.m. five dead were found. In addition to the list of injured given thirty-five others were more or less hurt.

A HOLOCAUST.

Six Persons Perish in the Flames at Columbus, Ohio.

At 4 o'clock Friday morning the residence of J. H. Hibbard, 1,338 East Long street, Columbus, Ohio, was discovered to be on fire. Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard, their son, Allen, aged 5 and baby, Dorothy, Miss Fanny Hibbard and Mrs. Grace Hibbard Lee, sisters, of Barnesville, Ohio, perished in the smoke and their bodies were more or less destroyed by fire. Mr. Hibbard is secretary of the Central Ohio Natural Gas and Fuel Company, and is connected by marriage with the Deshlers, Hungtingtons and others of the wealthiest families of Columbus.

Four sons less than fifteen years of age and the colored servant, aged 18, and originally from Palatka, Florida, escaped by jumping from the second story window. Natural gas was used, but the fire evidently originated from some defective construction in the wood work. Mrs. Lee was the wife of a son of the editor of the Barnesville Enterprise.

AN OPEN SWITCH.

Terrific Rear End Collision Near Chillicothe, Ohio.

Chillicothe (Ohio) special: The Royal Blue Flyer on the B. & O. S. W. Railroad was wrecked at Schooley Station, seven miles east of Chillicothe.

The conductor of a freight train which was ahead of the express train was ordered to run in on a side track at Schooley Station in order to allow the Royal Blue Flyer to pass. This was done, but the switch was not thrown back in place again. After a brief wait the express came thundering along and ran in on the side track, crashing with terrific force into the rear end of the freight. The passenger engine was demolished, and from what can be learned both the engineer and fireman were instantly killed. Details of the wreck are meager. It is known, though, that a number of passengers were badly injured, and it is said several are dead, as a score of physicians and surgeons have been sent to the scene of the accident.

FAILURES.

The Number for 1895 Slightly Less Than That of 1894.

Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: The commercial failures during the complete year of 1895 number 13,197, against 13,885 in 1894, but the aggregate of sales are slightly greater, \$173,196,000 against \$172,992,556, so that the average per failure is \$13,124 against \$12,458 in 1894.

The bright promise offered by a large decrease in the first quarter was followed by a small increase in the second and third quarters, and a large increase in the last quarter of the year. In that quarter also the deferred liabilities to each firm in business increased and also the proportion of deferred liabilities to payments through clearing houses. The effects of unreasonable speculation in materials create an advance in prices of goods, heavy purchases ahead of distribution and enormous increases in production clearly appear in the returns.

EXPLORATION IN A MINE.

Five men were badly burned, three of them probably fatally, by an explosion of gas in the Girard mine near Shamokin, Pa. Those who are likely to die from their burns are: Samuel McDowell, miner; Michael Yunde, miner; Joseph Encowski, laborer; Superintendent Alrix. Law and Foreman Evan Jenkins were seriously burned about the face, arms, and body, but will recover. The bodies of the three first named present a horrible appearance. The flesh was so terribly roasted that it dropped from their arms and faces. The explosion was caused by an unprotected lamp igniting the gas.

Mysterious Murder.

A special from Leetonia, O., says: A mysterious murder was committed at Grafton, near this town. Two Italian brothers, who lived and sleep together in the same bed, were awakened during the night by three masked men, two of whom had the one brother, while the third followed the other brother to death. Robbery does not appear to have been the motive for the crime as there were several hundred dollars in the possession of the

brothers, which was left untouched. The crime is supposed to be the work of the Malas.

Three Will Die.

At Milledgeville, Ky., a boy named Walters, while playing at the house of his aunt, secured a revolver and began shooting, with the result that his two little cousins, two girls aged 4 and 8, were shot through the abdomen and hip respectively. A third was also slightly injured. The boy then placed the pistol under his own chin, and, pulling the trigger, sent a ball crashing through his own head. A doctor was called, but, after examination, found that the two girls would die. The boy is just lingering between life and death, and cannot last long.

Four Dead and Three Missing.

A special from Bluefield, W. Va., says: It is reported here that by a premature explosion of powder and dynamite recently, four men were killed at Lafollette Campbell Country. Three others are missing and their bodies are being searched for in the mass of earth and rock which was dislodged by the explosion. The names of the dead are said to be John Webster, Anderson Bailey, Dawson Neal and a Mr. Price. The explosion took place in the mine.

Alaska Boundary.

In discussing the Alaska boundary question, Judge Pruitt, retiring United States Judge of Alaska, having turned over his office to his successor, Hon. A. K. Denay, says: "The unanimous opinion on the boundary question is that the line should stay right where it is. People do not want England's contention granted, for it would take some of the best of southwestern Alaska and control the Yukon trade."

Fierce Battle.

Knoxville (Tenn.) special: Reports reached the United States Revenue Collector's office here which say that in a battle between a posse of officers and moonshiners in North Carolina, near the Tennessee line, seven men were instantly killed and others hurt. The scene of the reported battle is several miles from any railroad and nothing additional can be learned.

Fearful Plunge.

By the breaking of the horses the wagon in which John Bruner, his wife and four children were riding, west of Akron, Ohio, ran down a steep hill and plunged into a telegraph pole. All six were badly injured. Mrs. Bruner and the girls, aged 7 and 11 years, were fatally hurt. One of the girls has since died, and the other and

the mother cannot live.

Fatal Plunge.

Wilkesbarre (Pa.) special: The cranberry breaker, operated by Pardoe & Co., at Cranberry, near Hazleton, Pa., was destroyed by fire. A number of company houses were also destroyed. Loss about \$100,000. A furious blizzard is raging. The boiler and fan houses adjoining the breaker are on fire and the department is of no avail.

Fatal Wreck.

A Columbus, Sandusky and Hocking freight engine blew up two miles south of Fultonham, Ohio, and twelve miles from Zanesville. Engineer Bert Mead, Fireman Frank Hesse and Brakeman Kreits were killed instantly, and Conductor Ira Morris is fatally injured. All the men live at Shawnee, Ohio.

To Save Zeitoun.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that the porte has consented to accept the offer of the foreign representatives at Constantinople, that the foreign consuls at Aleppo mediate between the Turks, who are besieging Zeitoun, and the Armenians who hold the town, for the surrender of the latter.

Fatal Misstep.

Ora Brown, an employee at the Monon rock crusher, Salem, Ind., was instantly killed while attempting to board a flat car from the trestlework at the crusher. Brown missed his footing, fell between the cars, and was horribly mangled. He leaves a wife and child.

Wreck on the Pennsylvania.

Eight loaded freight cars broke away from an engine in the Pennsylvania railroad yards at Pittsburgh, and dashing down the grade at Thirtieth street, collided with the north wall of the round house, causing much damage. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Hanging Too Good for Him.

At Lincoln, Neb., Judge Holmes sentenced George W. Davis to the penitentiary for life for wrecking a Rock Island passenger train near Lincoln, whereby eleven lives were lost.

Murdered by Robbers.

The Clover Leaf Railway station agent at Waterville, Ohio, was fatally shot twice and stabbed just above the heart by two robbers. It is not thought much money was secured.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.00; hogs, shipping, grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 54c to 55c; corn, No. 2, 25c to 28c; oats, No. 2, 16c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 33c to 34c; butter, choice creamy, 23c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 20c to 22c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, \$20 to \$45 per ton for poor to choice.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 6c to 64c to 65c; corn, No. 2 white, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 22c; rye, 26c to 28c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 6c to 64c to 65c; corn, No. 2 white, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 22c; rye, 26c to 28c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 54c to 55c; corn, No. 3, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 19c; barley, No. 2, 31c to 32c; rye, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 22c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 64c to 65c; corn, No. 2 white, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 22c; rye, 26c to 28c.