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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

BOILED DOWN FOR OUR INTELLIGENT READERS.

Children Held as Spies by the Spanish Government—Many Christians Butchered by Mussulmans in the Island of Crete—Iron Works to Resume.

Death in the Water.
Whiting (Ind.) special: Richard Atkins, a grocer, 74 years old, was drowned while bathing in four feet of water in Lake Michigan. He was seized by an under current and carried away before those about him could help him. His body was recovered after a half hour's search.

Laporte (Ind.) special: Garland Travis and Will Way were drowned in the Kankakee River. The bodies have been recovered. Travis was standing in a boat driving a stake on which to fasten a trot line, when he fell overboard. He was powerless to help himself and Way jumped in to save him. Travis sank and Way, unable to reach the boat, was drowned. The Kankakee River here has claimed three victims within the last ten days.

Children Held as Spies.
Havana special: In the city of Puerto Principe the residences of several American citizens were entered and searched by Spanish troops in quest of munitions and compromising documents. A Cuban woman and two little girls, eight and ten years old have been held as spies in Puerto Principe. The former, the Spaniards allege, carried a revolver, and the children had correspondence addressed to the rebel Government in Cubitas, when apprehended by the Spanish pickets in the Puerto Principe suburbs. All will be court-martialed. A petition, however, is being signed beseeching the Queen Regent to order Gen. Weyler to pardon the children if convicted.

Fatal Fire in New York City.
What at first was reported as a most terribly disastrous fire, broke out in the big six-story building at Nos. 465, 467 and 469 Greenwich street, New York, shortly after 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. With almost incredible rapidity the rumor flew abroad that from twenty to thirty unfortunate people had lost their lives in the flames. Later this was disputed, and it was pretty well proven that not more than five lives at the most had been lost, if indeed the number of the dead would finally reach that total. The financial loss was fixed at something over \$100,000.

Body Snatchers.
It has been discovered that body snatchers have opened two graves in the insane hospital burying grounds at Indianapolis, those of Joseph H. Bitzer of Vermillion County, and John Schwab. Only Bitzer's body was taken. Search is being made for the body, which is supposed to have been taken to some medical college. The bodies were buried last Saturday. Bitzer had been an inmate of the hospital for years. Superintendent Edenhartner says that if it is necessary he will establish a night guard at the burying grounds.

Butchered Christians.
At Anapoli Peddiadia, near Herakion, in the Island of Crete, a thousand armed Mussulmans butchered thirty unarmed Christians, in the Pecinet of the St. John Monastery. Several priests and women and children were among the victims. One woman was slaughtered after seeing her children and her husband butchered on her knees. Several churches were desecrated and a priest named Jeremiah had his ears and nose cut off, and was then burned alive on a pyre of sacred pictures.

Iron Works to Resume.
The Indiana Iron Works and the Midland Steel Works, Muncie's largest iron and steel industry, which have been idle for several weeks, will resume with nearly a full quota of hands, 600 each. The puddle furnace at the Indiana will start double turn, and the finishing mill single turn. The nut and bolt works department will not resume at this time.

Winona Assembly Visited by a Hurricane.

Warsaw (Ind.) special: A tornado struck Winona Park near here the other day. Trees and tents were blown down. The amphitheater is a mass of ruins. Two people were injured. The assembly grounds were desolated. The money loss will reach \$10,000.

The Cleveland Strike Failed.
The strike, or lookout at the Brown Hoisting Works, in Cleveland, Ohio, is practically at an end. Of the 800 men who went out on strike, 500 are now engaged in other employment. The Brown Company has 335 men at work and has refused twenty-five applications for employment.

More New Attractions.

Attractions at Robison Park August 16: Sorenson Bros., gymnasts; Blanche Le Clair aerialist.

Killed Coupling Cars.
Grafton (W. Va.) special: Hugh G. Wright of Moundsville, W. Va., a brakeman on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, while coupling cars was knocked down and run over, suffering injuries from which he died.

Pioneer Dead.
Mrs. Sarah Hudson, aged 85, is dead at Martinsville. She was the last of one of the families that first settled in Morgan County, when the Indians were yet plenty here, and has resided in this county continually since.

WATER FAMINE IN ARKANSAS.

Human Beings Suffering from the Pangs of Thirst.

A water famine exists in a large portion of Arkansas, and in some sections human beings are actually suffering from the pangs of thirst. There have been isolated thunder showers in various portions of the State recently, but in some counties no rain has fallen since April 13 and the suffering is almost beyond belief. A gentleman arrived in Little Rock from an overland trip through portions of Jefferson, Cleveland, and Bradley Counties and says that people in some localities are hauling water for drinking purposes in barrels a distance of twenty-five miles and that for an entire day he was unable to buy a glass of water to quench his thirst. White river is running dry and the Mayor of Fayetteville has issued a proclamation prohibiting the sprinkling of the streets, the water being needed for drinking purposes.

TRAMP BURNED AT THE STAKE.

Louisiana Mob Metes Out Quick Justice to an Unknown Murderer.

An unknown white tramp was burned to death by a mob in Franklin parish, La., Wednesday night. A respectable white woman employed as a domestic was sent across Tensas River on an errand, and failing to return in proper time the family became alarmed and sent parties in search of her. The dead and horribly mutilated body of the woman was found in the woods partially concealed by brush. Suspicion pointed to a white tramp who had been seen near there. Dogs were used, and in a few hours the tramp was run down. He confessed that he had killed the woman, and the infuriated crowd bound him to the nearest tree, and, after burning his body and riddling it with bullets, quietly disappeared.

Spain's Hands Full.

At last the Cuban rebels have carried the war into Spain. They do not proceed openly or violently, but seek by intrigue to prevent the embarkation of more Spanish troops for Cuba. Trouble of serious nature is being fomented in Spain, particularly in the Province of Valencia, by agents of the Cuban insurgents. The minister of the interior, Senor Cos-Gayon, replying to a question in the chamber of deputies, admitted that a number of riots had occurred in Valencia and, when asked to explain the cause of the disturbances, said they were caused by friends of the Cuban insurgents, who hoped thereby to prevent the departure of further reinforcements of troops for Cuba. Hitherto the popular demonstrations have been attributed entirely to protest against the imposition of new taxes—a step made necessary by the financial strain the government has been subjected to through carrying on the campaign against the insurgents of Cuba. But while the government is only willing to admit that the riots have been instigated by the agents of the Cuban revolutionists, it is generally admitted that the roots of the trouble are much deeper, and that it is being nourished by the natural feeling of alarm and dismay at the apparent utter inability of the government to cope with the situation in Cuba. That the large Spanish army in Cuba must be still further and heavily reinforced is looked upon as being a confession of weakness upon the part of the administration and as an admission of the growing strength of the Cubans. In addition, many letters have been received in different parts of Spain by the relatives of Spanish soldiers serving with the army in Cuba, and they tell such terrible tales of sickness, privation, incompetency and mismanagement, as to say nothing of lack of pay, that a dangerous feeling against the government has arisen and is gaining strength day by day. Under these circumstances the agents of the Cubans do not have much difficulty in carrying out their plans of causing popular outbreaks.

They Marry Native Women.

Complaint is made that Chinese immigration on the west coast of Mexico is introducing leprosy, and it is also stated that Chinamen are marrying the women of the lower classes. Mormon colonies are prospering, owing to frugal and energetic business management. Railway construction in various parts of the republic is actively going on, and imports of English railway material, principally steel rails, are increasing. The policy of the government is now directed to the development and completion in the most essential parts the present railway system, the greatest lack of facilities being in southern Mexico and along the west coast, which is agriculturally and mineral the richest portion of the republic. The government, in granting modification of railway concessions, allows on portions not subventioned rates which fully compensate, in the opinion of railway men, the profit to be derived from the subsidies. The most profitable railway in the country to-day is the Mexican Northern, operating in the Sierra Mojave mining region, which has no subvention, but is allowed to charge high rates, having no competition, and is doing an excellent business. Representations are being made to the government by the chambers of commerce of the cities on the west coast, stating that the entire section from Sonora south is lacking in transportation facilities, and praying that measures be taken to supply the want and give life and impetus to the rich undeveloped country.

Wolverine and Badger Candidates.

Hazen F. Piugree, the famous inventor of the municipal potato patch, was on the fourth ballot nominated for Governor of Michigan by the Republican State convention at Grand Rapids Thursday afternoon. In Wisconsin, the same day, at the Republican State convention at Milwaukee, Maj. Edward Scofield, of Oconto, was nominated for Governor on the sixth ballot, after the most interesting fight ever seen in Wisconsin. The present State officers below the office of Governor were then renominated by acclamation in a bunch.

Child Killed by a Lion.

In Thomas Hurd's animal show at the Chillicothe, Ohio, fair grounds a large lion was chained near the entrance to the tent as a catching advertisement. Eddie Hurd, 18 months old, son of the proprietor, was playing near the animal, and the ferocious beast seized the infant by the head and shook it as a terrier dog would shake a rat until it was a corpse. The affair caused a panic in the crowded grounds.

Hanged for Wife Murder.

Charles Thiede was hanged at Salt Lake City, Utah, Friday. It is the second hanging in the history of Utah. Thiede, a saloon-keeper, murdered his wife on the night of April 30, 1894. He asserted his innocence to the last.

Turkey Is Hard Up.

The financial difficulties of the Turkish Government are most acute. The officials on the civil list have not received their salaries for seven months, and when some of them complained they were arrested.

ACT LIKE LUNATICS.

STRANGE EFFECT OF RELIGIOUS EXCITEMENT.

New Pittsburg, Ohio, Families Broken Up and the Citizens on the Verge of Riot—Life Made Almost Unendurable by Heat and Humidity.

Made Mad by Religion.

New Pittsburg, Ohio, is the scene of most intense religious excitement, bordering on fanaticism. The leaders claim to be in personal communication with the Lord and to act under instructions from Him. Excitement is so high that families have been broken up and numerous fights have occurred over the matter. The people have tried every way to get rid of the fanatics, but have failed. Warrants were sworn out for the arrest of the leaders—Mart Searls and his two brothers. When arraigned before the justice they were furious and denounced the court in most bitter terms, insulting the justice and even climbing upon the desk and spitting upon him. The trio were finally placed in jail and Mart was taken to the Athens asylum. Their followers number about one hundred and fifty, some of whom have given as high as \$150,000 each upon being converted.

DEATH IN THE SUN'S RAYS.

All the Large Cities Report a Frightful Mortality from Sunstroke.

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GLOAT OVER \$14,000 IN GOLD.

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