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MADAGASCAR HORRORS.

LA GRIPPE IS TERRIBLY FATAL AT PITTSBURG.

Trouble Abounds in Foreign Countries—A Texas Woman Splits Her Husband's Head with an Ax—General News of the World's Doings.

INHUMAN BUTCHERY AT MADAGASCAR.

Two Hundred and Seventy-eight Persons Put to Death by Torture.

Prompt vengeance has fallen upon Rambasatra, Governor of the Province of Belanona, Madagascar, who massacred 278 men, women and children belonging to the leading families. Dispatches state that Rambasatra, together with his brother, who instigated the massacre, has been executed on the spot where the wholesale killing took place under the cruel Governor's directions. The populace addressed the Government, asking protection from his repeated acts of cruelty. This so enraged the Governor that he commenced to slaughter men, women and children, and continued so doing for several days. In many cases the agonies of the victims were protracted by the Governor's causing their limbs to be gradually dismembered, their heads to be slowly sawed off, and by subjecting them to other acts of torture. Survivors were compelled to erect a trophy composed of the heads of the murdered people, upon spot near the scene of the butchery. The fury of the populace was aroused, and Gov. Rambasatra, and his equally ferocious brother have met the fate they so richly deserved.

SCARCITY OF HEARSE.

Pittsburg Undertakers Overworked to Bury the Victims.

Pittsburg, Pa., undertakers cannot get enough hearses to bury the dead. The grip and diseases of the respiratory system have claimed so many victims that the funeral directors find it impossible to supply the demand for their services. In several cases wagons had to be used to convey the coffins at funerals. A double funeral took place from the residence of John Hill. It was the interment of his two children, and the coffins were placed in one carriage across the seats, it being impossible to get a hearse. In Pittsburg and Allegheny there were fifty-one funerals one day. At the Pittsburg department of health 438 deaths were reported. In Allegheny there have been 149 deaths, making a total of over 438 deaths for twenty-four days in the two cities. Thirty-eight deaths were reported in twenty-four hours. Nearly every physician in Pittsburg is suffering from overwork caused by the grip. It is estimated that there are now over 10,000 cases in the city.

Insolvent for Ten Years.

At Louisville, the further the affairs of the Schwartz Bank, which failed, are investigated, the greater the liabilities and the smaller the assets. The investigation shows that the bank has been insolvent for ten years, since which time it has been robbing Peter to pay Paul. So far the liabilities reach nearly a million, while the assets consist of nothing but \$300 worth of mutilated currency left in the safe. The cashier has disappeared. The directors will be arrested on a criminal warrant.

Drifted Out to Sea.

Captain Munroe, of the schooner John G. Whittier, reports that at Rel Island, N. F., the daughter of a French woman was drifting on the ice, when it broke away from the shore. The mother put out in a dory to the rescue. On reaching the cake of ice she stepped from the dory to get the child. The dory slipped off from the ice and mother and daughter drifted to sea and were never heard from.

Brained Her Husband with an Ax.

At DeKalb, Bowie County, Texas, William Watts, a plantation laborer, on arising told his wife to say her prayers as he was going to kill her as soon as he had put on his shoes. The woman, to save her own life, determined to take that of her husband, and stepping out to a wood-pile secured an ax and returning to the house buried it in the back of his head.

Ashore at Long Branch.

The brig Joseph Barrigan, from Jamaica, W. I., for Havre, with logwood, went on the beach at Long Branch, N. J., during a dense fog. Two seamen jumped overboard, and one Thomas Lawson, was drowned. Capt. Layton says the vessel, which is half a century old, and so unseaworthy that several crews had refused to sail on her, had been badly drugged during the voyage.

Proclaimed a State of Siege.

In Manicaland, South Africa, the Portuguese have proclaimed a state of siege. The siege is said to have been proclaimed by the Portuguese with a view to coercing the British subjects who have sought to establish themselves in the colony.

General Ekin Dying.

Brigadier General James A. Ekin, of the United States army, retired, is dying at Louisville of diseases incident to old age. He was in charge of the Government depot at Jeffersonville many years previous to his retirement.

Anti-Pinkerton Bill Defeated.

At Columbus, Ohio, the bill prohibiting the bringing of detectives into the State to do police or military duty, known as the "anti-Pinkerton" bill, which recently passed the House, was defeated in the Senate.

Killed by Dissipation.

James Watt, son of Millionaire Watt, of San Francisco, was found dead in a 10-cent lodging house on Chatham Square, New York. Mr. Watt was greatly addicted to the use of chloroform, and his death was due to it.

Her Body Found Hanging in a Barn.

Kittie Detwiller, a young lady of Canton, Ohio, committed suicide in Louisville, Ohio, where she was visiting. Her dead body was found hanging in a barn. She was crazed by la grippe.

Verdict in the Cincinnati Tragedy.

At Cincinnati the verdict of the Coroner's jury in the cases of Salinger and Frankenthal was to the effect that death resulted from pistol ball wounds inflicted by themselves; the testimony did not bear out the theory that Salinger shot Frankenthal and then himself.

Joined the Rebels.

A report from Buenos Ayres says that the Chilian Governors of Tultaland and Caldera have gone over to the revolutionaries, and that the massacre of prisoners is common to both parties to the struggle.

BARRETT'S FINAL EXIT.

The Well-Known Tragedian Dies in New York City.

Lawrence Barrett, the tragedian, died at the Windsor Hotel in New York City.

The demise was due to heart failure. The actor was unconscious but a short time before he died. His wife and Dr. Chambers, of New York, were with Mr. Barrett when he breathed his last.

His last sickness dated from but two days before his death, when he was obliged to leave the theater where he was engaged. It was said at that time that he was merely suffering from a severe cold, and would be out in a few days, and the same report was made the following day. Even a few hours before the end the reports from the sick chamber were very favorable.

FATAL BLAZE IN NEW JERSEY.

Two Firemen Killed and Two Seriously Injured—Losses by the Flames.

An explosion of an oil still owned by the Tide Water Oil Company caused a dangerous fire at Bayonne, N. J., and John Hayes and Michael Haley were both killed. Two other firemen, John Gallagher and John Anderson, were seriously burned by the explosion. A third man, George Gregory, of Elizabethport, who was passing the still at the time, sustained serious injuries. At New Orleans, La., the large and elegant St. Paul's Church took fire and was completely gutted. The building was insured for \$40,000. It was erected under the personal supervision of Bishop Polk in 1852 and occupied by the Rev. Dr. Goodrich, who was arrested while conducting the services in the church for disobedience of a military order issued by Gen. Butler, commanding the clergy to read the prayer for the President of the United States.

ACT OF A DESPERATE CRIMINAL.

Burglar A. G. Budd Murders Detective Gilkinson, of Pittsburg.

A desperate shooting affray took place at Peter's Run, near McKeesport, Pa. The shooting was the sequel of a bold burglary at Homestead. Chief Detective Gilkinson, of the Pittsburg agency, with Detective Pat Murphy and two McKeeps policemen, drove quickly across the river to Peter's Run, reaching the house of the leader in the robbery, A. G. Budd, alias "Fitzsimmons." When Gilkinson threw open the door, Budd stood in the lower room, apparently changing his clothes. The moment Budd saw Gilkinson he threw up a revolver and fired, the ball entering Gilkinson's forehead, killing him instantly.

Hired to Use a Crownover.

At Hartford, Conn., when Governor Bullock reached the Capitol, he found the ante-room connecting the executive room with the House retiring room locked on the inside. This is the room that has been occupied by the special deputy sheriffs employed by the Governor to hold his room and the State seals against any attempt by the Democrats to secure possession of them. He had Executive Clerk Boon get a crowbar, and the lock was soon knocked off and the door opened.

Murdered for Twenty-five Cents.

Will Schwab and William Flescher quarreled at El Reno, Oklahoma, over a debt of 25 cents. Schwab claimed that Flescher owed him that amount of money on a wager. Flescher owed Schwab 75 cents on another account, and in paying it handed Schwab a dollar. Schwab kept the full amount. This enraged Flescher so that he stabbed Schwab with a long dirk under the heart, remarking as he did so, "I guess that's worth a quarter."

To Sing at the Fair.

A large party of the leading singers of Scranton, Pa., organized for the purpose of competing in the great choral contest at the World's Fair. The Welsh choirs in the coal regions are famous for their choral singing. The choir will consist of over 1,000 picked voices and be under the direction of a celebrated leader.

Against the Union Pacific.

At Omaha, Neb., the suit brought by the citizens to restrain the city from delivering \$150,000 in bonds to the Union Depot Company was decided against the railroad. Judge Duane said the road had always taken everything offered, but had always failed to give anything in return.

A Woman Charged with Counterfeiting.

A secret-service officer has brought to Erie, Pa., on the charge of counterfeiting, Mrs. Sarah J. Grant, of Jamestown, N. Y. The detectives believe that they have captured in Mrs. Grant the link between the Western New York and the oil country gangs of counterfeiters.

Three Children Drowned.

At Birmingham, Ala., Isaac Buford, a farmer, attempted to cross Valley Creek in a wagon in which were his wife and children. The creek was much swollen, and the wagon and team were washed down stream. The three children were drowned, the father and mother barely escaping with their lives.

Rare Plants Destroyed.

Near Islip, N. Y., eleven large greenhouses, belonging to the celebrated "Idle Hour" farm of William K. Vanderbilt, were buried. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The greenhouses were famous. They contained many plants and ferns, some of them 200 years old.

The Road Held Responsible.

Indianapolis special: The Coroner in his verdict of the people killed in the railroad wreck on the Pan Handle Road at Hagers town, says that the train was run at an unsafe rate of speed at curves and therefore holds the road responsible for the deaths caused.

Strikers Are Desperate.

The union shearers of Queensland, Australia, have cut the telegraph wires and have attempted to wreck the railroad trains conveying troops to the scene of the troubles, which have been going on for some time past between union and non-union shearers.

Bridge Carried Away.

The high water in the Des Moines River carried away forty feet of the Main street bridge in Ottumwa, Iowa. At points below much damage has been done, notably at Eddyville, where an ice gorge flooded the village and inundated the town, driving the people to higher ground.

Funeral of Prince Napoleon.

The remains of the late Prince Napoleon were met at the railway station at Turin by the Duke of Genoa, the Count of Turin, and a guard of honor, and were conveyed, followed by an imposing procession to the Church of La Superga, and were there deposited in the royal crypt.

Eight Passengers Hurt.

There was a serious wreck on the Little Rock and Fort Smith Road, near Ozark, Mo., in which a number of passengers were more or less injured. The wreck was caused by spreading rails. Three coaches and the baggage car left the track and topped over.

A Husband Hangs Himself.

Because his bride threatened to leave him when he was drunk, January Writman, of Napoleon, Ohio, hanged himself.

Shot Dead by a Mississippi Editor.

At Vicksburg, Miss., Ernest Hardenstein, business manager of a weekly publication,

was shot and killed by John G. Cashman, editor of the *Evening Post*, on Vicksburg's principal thoroughfare. The tragedy grew out of the lynching of the Italians in New Orleans.

Aided in the Murder.

Mrs. Quigley, sister of Arthur Day, who was executed at Welland, Ont., Dec. 18, 1890, for pushing his wife into Niagara, July 27, 1889, confessed on her death bed that she incited Arthur to the murder and helped him to push his wife over the precipice.

Montreal Brokers Fall.

James R. Barclay & Co., Montreal stockbrokers, announced themselves as unable to fulfill their stock exchange obligations. Canadian Pacific stock is the rock on which they split. J. R. Barclay has disappeared, and his partners are unable to assign any reason for his disappearance.

Atrocious Butchery at Valparaiso.

Dispatches from Chile, received via Buenos Ayres, say there has been severe fighting near Valparaiso recently, and that 200 of the insurgents were taken prisoners, tied together, and shot with cannon and musketry by the Government troops.

Small-Pox Case at Mexico, Mo.

At Mexico, Mo., Dixie Barton died. Two hours later his remains were interred, and by daylight the house where he died had been fumigated and quarantined. An expert, Dr. Adams, said that without doubt he had the small-pox.

Driven Insane by Poverty and Hunger.

At Kansas City, Kan., S. M. Garrette, an attorney, was found in his office a raving maniac. He had no money to buy food, and was too proud to beg. Hunger drove him mad.

Mafia Jurors Indicted.

The New Orleans grand jury returned two indictments in blank. They are for attempting to bribe jurors and are supposed to be against McCrystal and Cooney, the two men previously indicted.

Big Bank Failure.

Theo. Schwartz & Co., private bankers of Louisville, have assigned. Their liabilities are \$500,000. The Union Tobacco Works, of the same city, were forced to the wall by the failure of Schwartz & Co.

Kidnapped a Merchant.

Joseph Perrin, a wealthy flour manufacturer of Detroit, was enticed from his home, and his whereabouts are now unknown. A letter was left at his residence later asking \$30,000 for his ransom.

Charged with a Fiendish Crime.

Leonard J. Earl is under arrest at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, charged with committing a criminal assault on Lottie Perry, his eleven-year-old stepdaughter. The girl was badly injured, and her death is expected.

Bank Closed Its Doors.

The Keystone National Bank of Philadelphia closed its doors by order of the Comptroller of the Currency. The city of Philadelphia has a deposit of \$400,000 in the bank.

Left a Prey to the Waves.

There is no change in the condition of the stranded United States vessels at Gay Head and Cuttyhunk. The wreckers have been unable to accomplish anything because of the heavy swells.

Officers Shot by Moonshiners.

Near Greensboro, N. C., moonshiners killed Officers R. J. Barnwell and T. L. Brine while they were attempting to make some arrests.

A Crazy Salvationist.

At New York, Gowen, the Salvation Army man, who is one of the contestants in the walking match, became suddenly insane, and is now under close surveillance.

Against the Union Pacific.

At Omaha, Neb., the suit brought by the citizens to restrain the city from delivering \$150,000 in bonds to the Union Depot Company was decided against the railroad. Judge Duane said the road had always taken everything offered, but had always failed to give anything in return.

Think He's Tascott.

A man is under arrest in Aberdeen, S. D., on suspicion of being Tascott, the murderer of A. J. Snell, the Chicago millionaire.

Alleged Gold Discovery in Missouri.

At Lincoln, Mo., dispatch says: A fifteen-inch vein of sand has been discovered here which is rich with gold.

Felton the Winner.

Charles Felton was elected United States Senator on the first ballot at Sacramento, California.

An Actor's Suicide.

Henry Elling, an actor, committed suicide at the Sturtevant House, New York City, some time during the night.

Bishop Paddock Dying.

At Boston, Rt. Rev. Benjamin H. Paddock, Bishop of the Episcopal Church, is in a dying condition.

Yielded 150 Barrels of Oil a Day.

A well yielding 150 barrels of oil a day was struck in the Montpelier, Ind., field.

THE MARKETS.