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AFTER ILLICIT WHISKY

BUT THE MOONSHINERS HOLD THE FORT.

A thousand Indians Recommece Their Heathenish Dances—Sad Triple Tragedy in Tennessee—Baltimore's New Sensation—Lawlessness in Pennsylvania—Novel Suicide.

Oppose Sunday Funerals.

In Baltimore, the subject of Sunday funerals called forth a very lively discussion at the meeting of the Ministerial Union. The practice of having funerals on the Sabbath was unanimously condemned and a resolution was adopted expressing the sentiment of the union that funerals should not be held on Sunday except in cases of actual necessity. It was also resolved that all the ministers should announce from their altars at the earliest opportunity that they would refuse to attend Sunday funerals.

SCANDAL ENDS IN DEATH.

Three Men Killed by the Defender of a Sister of Two of the Victims.

Fentress County, on the upper Tennessee, is ablaze with a sensation which resulted in the death of three men and the disgrace of three of the first families of Tennessee, and it all came of a scandal about a woman. Marion and Dave Beatty and Gwin Bowden lie dead in their mansions, and Edward Harris, their murderer, is a fugitive from justice with a \$500 reward offered for his apprehension and delivery at Jamestown. Three months ago Mary Beatty, sister of two of the dead men, and the belle of the upper Tennessee country, retired from society. Shortly after she caused the arrest of her father, Clayborn Beatty, a banker and the richest man in the country, on a charge of embezzlement. The banker raised a hornet's nest, and the sheriff removed his prisoner to another county to escape a lynching. The father was finally released on \$5,000 bonds, and the daughter took refuge with the family of Hiram Harris, near Jamestown, who were her relatives. Recently the Harris family came to town with Mary Beatty, to appear before the grand jury to indict the girl's father. On their return home they were followed by the Beatty brothers and Gwin Bowden, who tried to induce Mary to return to her father's home. When she refused, they struck her over the face with a whip. Ed Harris undertook to protect her, and the three men then went at him. He turned on them, and, pulling a British bulldog revolver, shot them all three dead. Harris then killed the girl and her mother, and, taking Bowden's horse, fled, while his father drove the family home.

DRIVEN OFF BY MOONSHINERS.

Two Deputy Marshals Get Decidedly the Worst of It.

On Sand Mountain, in De Kalb County, Ala., a desperate pitched battle took place between a posse of twelve Deputy United States Marshals, under the leadership of Deputy Robert Charlson, and a party of moonshiners. During the night the officers had quietly surrounded a noted illicit distillery, and after daylight made an attack on it.

The distillery was surrounded with rock walls provided with loopholes, out of which rained fire. Over one hundred shots were fired at the battle that followed. The officers were repulsed and driven off. Kirk and Sprouse, two noted moonshiners, were killed and Deputy Jackson fatally wounded. The officers went to Fort Wayne, where they will procure dynamite, and return and blow up the distillery.

AGAIN THE MESSIAH CRAZE.

Cheyennes and Arapahoes Break Loose in the Ghost Dance.

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BLOWN UP WITH DYNAMITE.

A Hotel Livery Stable and Eight Houses Burned in the Fire that Followed.

At Altoona, Pa., the Clearfield Hotel livery stable was blown up by dynamite at 2 o'clock the other morning. The debris took fire and spread to adjoining property, destroying five other buildings. Eight houses were also consumed. The greatest excitement prevails, as it is feared by the people that an organized effort to destroy the town is being made.

Deliberately Drove Off a Bluff.

A novel suicide is reported from Epses Station, Ala. A negro tied a jug of whisky about his neck and deliberately drove his fine team of horses off a bluff 100 feet high into the Tombigbee River. The negro had been a prosperous farmer, but bad crops ruined him, and rather than give up his mortgaged horses he said he would kill both himself and them.

Down the Fire Escapes.

The "Sarena," a seven-story apartment house at Twenty-eighth street and Third avenue, New York, was damaged \$10,000 by fire. The twenty-six families who resided in the house all made their escape in safety, most of them by way of the fire escapes, with which the house was well supplied.

Found Dead in the Woods.

An unknown well-dressed man was found dead in the woods near Little Rock, Ark. His head was crushed in and pockets cut out, the murder having been committed for robbery. His hands were tied to a tree and a rope encircled his neck.

Twenty Cars Wrecked.

While an Empire freight train was ascending the heavy grade between Mount Carmel, Ill., and Centralia, a coupling broke and the first section of a powerful velocity ran into the second section at the foot of the grade, wrecking twenty cars.

Walt Whitman Still Improving.

At Philadelphia the improvement in Walt Whitman's condition continues. His nourishment consists of toast, poached eggs and orange juice. Dr. Buck, of Canada, his biographer, who has been visiting the poet for a few days past, left for home.

A Fraudulent Chishman Fined.

The Minister of Customs has inflicted a fine of \$600 upon a Chishman at Victoria, British Columbia, for endeavoring to defraud the department in personating another individual with a view to obtaining a permit to return to Canada.

Cotton Crops Are Too Big.

Cotton factories at Savannah, Ga., and elsewhere in the South have practically determined to reduce advances to planters in the coming spring and in this way force down the production of cotton. They regard it as absolutely ruinous for the South to have another such enormous crop as those of this and last year. Concerted action may be taken to this end.

Hostile to the Brazilian Government.

In spite of powerful official Rio Janeiro assurances, a telegram states that hostile governments exist in Rio Grande do Sul and São Paulo, due to dissatisfaction over the results achieved under the republic.

AWFUL LOSS OF LIFE.

Terrible Explosion of a Shipload of Dynamite at Antwerp.

A French ship loaded with dynamite and lying alongside a quay at Antwerp was blown to atoms by an explosion of her cargo. The entire crew and a number of laborers who were employed on board the ship, with others who were gathered upon the quay, were killed. Fragments of the ship, intermixed with human remains, were scattered about the scene of the explosion. Scattered legs and arms, hands and feet, heads and other portions of human bodies were strewn about on all sides. The exact number of victims will never be known, for the explosion must have killed many strangers about the ship and the quay. The force of the explosion was so great that the whole neighborhood was shaken. Every window within the sweep of the concussion was shattered; doors were blown in and crushed as if by battering-ram. Persons at a distance were swept off their feet and buried, bruised and bleeding, for yards. The police say they can form no idea of the number of people killed. They believe that at least a hundred persons were killed. Another estimate places the loss at thirty, namely, ten men of the crew, ten laborers and ten strangers and loafers, but this estimate is thought by the police to be far below the actual loss. Crowds surrounded the ruined district immediately after the explosion, and the police were forced to maintain order and allow the searchers and police to attend to their work. The troops formed a cordon around the spot, drove the people back and the recovery of the remains was continued. Wheelbarrows full of pieces of dead bodies were taken away. There are the usual strange freaks of a dynamite explosion. One of the ship's masts is salt, by persons who witnessed the explosion, to have been shot upward hundreds of feet into the air and to have fallen downward like an arrow. It is now stuck deep in the mud of the harbor. Another portion of wreckage was hurled through the walls of a house, making a hole similar to that made by a shell fired from a heavy gun. A human head was found 200 yards from where the ship blew up. One man was killed by a ship's block which passed right through his body. For some time after the explosion a ring of smoke hung over the spot like a pall. Several other vessels were destroyed by the explosion.

WAR ON THE PRIESTS.

Mexican Police Rounding up Religious Bodies—The Pueblo Riots.

Particulars of the religious riots in Puebla, Mexico, are to the effect that they were caused by the enforcement of the law against organized religious bodies. It appears that priests and students for the priesthood had organized themselves into societies of monks in various places, and it was the efforts of the police to break up these combinations that aroused the people. The first arrests were made in Puebla, nine priests being placed in prison. On the evening of the same day a crowd with a company of policemen entered the Church of San Augustine and arrested a number of other priests and students.

As the soldiers and the police were taking their prisoners to the station a rabble gathered, filling the main street and endeavoring to rescue the priests. All sorts of missiles were hurled at the officers and many of the rioters had pistols in their hands, but owing to the coolness of the officers in command of the soldier and policemen, who kept their men under strict discipline, only one of the rabble was shot and killed, while another was shot in the leg. But a number were more or less injured by the horses of the "rurals" as they forced their way through the crowd.

Another body of soldiers and policemen proceeded to the old church and convent of El Carmen and arrested eight or nine priests and students who, it is claimed, had organized another order of monks in that place.

TERRIBLE RAILWAY WRECK.

Fatal Accident on the New York Central at Hastings.

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