

CRASH ON THE WABASH.

FOG AND A GREEN ENGINEER
THE CAUSE.

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Senate and House.

Both houses reassembled on the 5th. In the Senate the attendance was full. The usual mass of petitions were presented—including several in favor of a \$5,000,000 loan to the World's Fair on condition that the fair be closed Sundays. Mr. Washburn's joint resolution to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to employ any United States vessel best suited to the purpose, and to supply the sum of \$100,000, was passed. President Harrison also laid a message before the Senate, touching upon the Russian famine. Mr. Vest's resolution, looking toward the abrogation by Great Britain of the regulation forbidding slaves to enter the ports of America, was passed. President Harrison sent to the Senate the names of the new Interstate Commerce Commissioners, as follows: James W. McMillin, of Iowa; thomas M. Cooley, resigned; William M. Lindsey, of Kentucky; John H. Hegeman, deceased; William R. Morrison, of Illinois. In the House the attendance was large, and Mr. McMillin was chosen Speaker pro tem. The balance of the session was occupied by the introduction of bills.

SIX MEN KILLED.

Fatal Collision on the Wabash at Aladdin—Cars Burned Up.

An awful collision occurred on the Wabash Road at Aladdin, Ill. Six men were killed outright, two probably fatally injured, and many others badly hurt. The trains were the east and west bound cannon-ball trains. The east bound train had the right of way, and was waiting at Aladdin for the other, No. 41, to take the siding. The night was foggy, and Engineer Bushart was not very well acquainted with the run, and failed to get to the switch where he should have stopped, but went rushing by into the station at a high rate of speed. He was unable to see anything ahead of him—at least this was the supposition. The engines came together with a terrific crash, and in an instant all was confusion, and to add to the horror of the scene both trains took fire, consuming the baggage and smoking car and one chair car. The rest were detached and saved. The body of Bushart was found pinned to the ground under his engine and his fireman was fatally injured. Charles Wilson, the engineer of the east-bound train was entombed in the wreck and his body has not been found. His fireman was dreadfully used up, but may survive. Four Italian emigrants on No. 41 were killed and crepted and several more wounded.

STATEHOOD FOR OKLAHOMA.

The Territory Has a Greater Population than South Dakota.

An effort will probably be made during the present session of Congress to admit the Territory of Oklahoma to Statehood. An official of the Government, who recently made an inspection of prison facilities there, comes back to Washington with an enthusiastic account of the rapid growth and advancement of Oklahoma. He says many of the people who were formerly regarded as outlaws have reformed, and are now industriously at work, helping to build up the Territory. He says that the saloons are closed Sundays, and other evidences of growing civilization are noted. The population of Oklahoma, he says, is now larger than that of South Dakota and two or three other States recently admitted.

MARY BIRD'S AWFUL FATE.

The Young Actress Burned by an Accident and Died.

Miss Mary Bird, an actress playing at the Grand Opera, in Cincinnati, was so terribly burned that she died. She was boarding at Hexter's Hotel and was about to retire for the night when her clothing caught fire by the explosion of a bottle of face lotion which she had in her hand. The frightened girl ran screaming downstairs. There was no one astir in the hotel, but her cries brought a number of persons to her assistance, who extinguished the flames and summoned medical assistance. Her face, neck and arms were frightfully blistered and after flogging for some time in awful agony she died.

MAY BE THE RESULT OF A DUEL.

Skeletons of Human Beings Found with Knives and Revolvers Beside Them.

John Southwick, of Buffalo, O. T., reports the finding of two skeletons of human beings on the prairie south of a city about ten miles. He is under the impression that the bones are those of two men who killed each other, as they were lying near together and on the ground were two rusty knives and two revolvers. It is supposed that the men were killed two or three years ago, as all trace of clothing was gone. There were two pairs of spurs and a large buckle like that used on a leather belt. The men probably met and fought together to the death, their horses wandering off and being removed by some ranchmen.

EIGHT LIVES LOST.

Terrible Accident to a Sleighting Party on a Dutch Canal.

While a merry party in a large double sleigh were driving over the frozen surface of the canal on the Dutch frontier, the ice suddenly gave way. Everybody jumped out of the sleigh, but its weight and the struggles of the horses broke the ice in every direction and only three of the party escaped.

Lawlessness in Kansas.

A desperate plot to take the life of Judge Theodosius Botkin near Arkalon, Kas., was foiled. Three officers were, however, shot down by an ambushed gang which was lying in wait to kill the Judge while his honor was on his way to court. This is the outgrowth of the famous feud between Judge Botkin and Sam Wood, who was shot by James Brennan June 23.

Murder in Michigan.

At Marquette, Mich., John Gleason, paymaster of the Cleveland and Iron Cliffs Mining Company, was shot by some assassin unknown. The office was robbed of about \$300 in money. Mr. Gleason's gold watch and chain were taken from his body and "black diamonds" or "carbons" used for diamond drills to the value of about \$2,000 were stolen from the vault.

Struck by a Train.

At St. Louis, Mrs. Belle Hutchinson, a widow fifty years of age, was struck and instantly killed by a suburban train.

Made His Own Coffin.

Thomas P. Brady was buried in a coffin made by himself ten years ago at Easton, Pa. Just before the coffin was made he said he wanted to be buried in it, as the coffin had been made, which would be found in his stable. The boards of which it is made have evidently been used for other purposes. The coffin had no handles and no screws for the lid.

County Clerk's Office Robbed.

The vaults of the County Clerk's office at Arcadia, Fla., was blown open by a burglar. The combination was shattered with dynamite and about \$500 stolen. It is not known if any records were taken or injured.

CAUGHT A BAD MAN.

The Leader of the Gang Guilty of Recent Dart Robberies Caught.

After weeks of hard labor spent in following up slender clues the Pinkertons, in conjunction with Chief of Police of St. Louis and the police force in that city, have run to earth and captured the leader of the gang which, it is claimed, is responsible for the robberies on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, near Western Union Junction on Nov. 12, and of the Adams Express messenger on the "Frisco Road at Glendale, near St. Louis, on the night of Nov. 30. His name is Albert D. Sly and he was arrested by Robert D. Pinkerton at Los Angeles, Cal., with a large amount of the stolen money in his possession. The watch he had taken from the Adams Express messenger was in his pocket. In addition to these two daring crimes, Sly is suspected of being the leader of the gang that robbed the street-car barns at Omaha, Neb. In October, the Metropolitan street-car barns in Kansas City in the same month, and the Pacific Express Company on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, near Omaha, Nov. 4. All these robberies were committed under similar circumstances, and in each instance dynamite was used.

FLOWER IS NOW GOVERNOR.

New York's New Executive Inaugurated in the Presence of a Big Crowd.

At Albany, N. Y., Roswell P. Flower assumed the function of Chief Executive, long wielded by David B. Hill. The streets were crowded with residents and out-of-town sight-seers. The inaugural ceremonies were held in the Assembly chamber which was gorgeously decorated with American flags, bunting and pointed plants. Mr. Flower and his honorary escort rode in an open carriage, followed by a Mayor Manning riding with Gov. Flower in military dress, in accordance with Mr. Flower's wish, was simple. The party proceeded to the Assembly chamber, where it was enthusiastically received. The assemblage was to order by Major General Donald, following who was the Master of Ceremonies. At the conclusion of the latter, Gov. Hill, in a brief speech, in which any reference to political questions was carefully avoided, transferred the duties of his office to Mr. Flower. Mr. Flower responded in a brief address.

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Mrs. Susan Covert, a widow, lives in a humble house in rather an isolated spot near Tarentum, Pa. The other night, about nine o'clock, Jack Fleming knocked at her door and asked for a drink of water. This was cheerfully given him. He then forced himself into the room. His evil intentions were first directed toward Mrs. Covert's 7-year-old daughter, but the man was

furiously opposed by the frightened mother. There was no help at hand. The fellow directed his efforts toward Mrs. Covert. Her cabin bears evidence of the terrible struggle which ensued. The most of her clothing was torn from her, but she succeeded finally in driving Fleming from her arms and ran to a distant neighbor's house. She took her little girl in her arms and gave the alarm. A posse soon gathered and searched the neighborhood and hills all night. The man was finally found hiding in a coal shaft.

DYNAMITE AT ST. LOUIS.

Miller's Bakery Demolished—Trades Union Men Suspected.

A report like the roar of artillery shok the business portion of St. Louis the other morning. Sashes rattled in windows, panes of glass crashed as if there was an earthquake, and citizens were routed out of their homes. The noise came from the rear of 301 South Fourth street, where the bakery of H. J. Miller was located. The rear end of that structure was knocked to pieces by the explosion of what was supposed to be a dynamite bomb thrown against the wall. Frank Bach, an employee, had just opened up and was making preparations for his day's work when the explosion occurred, throwing him violently to the floor in the midst of flying bricks, mortar, wood and glass. He lay there insensible and bleeding from numerous cuts. About three years ago a strike was organized among the bakers of St. Louis. All the workmen employed in Miller's are said to be non-union men. The police think there may be some connection between these facts and the explosion and are working on the dynamite theory.

ITALY ASKS FOR A RESPIRE.

Claim that Murderers Trezza and Cotta Are Citizens of That Country.

Governor Flower of New York received a telegram from Secretary of State Blaine asking for a respite in the cases of Nicoll Trezza and Cotta, two Italian murderers, who he understood were to be executed at Sing Sing. The message stated that the Italian Government had interfered on behalf of the men, who are still citizens of Italy and had made peremptory demand for a hearing in their case. Private Secretary Williams answered the Secretary that the men were not to be executed this week and that there would be plenty of time for the Italian Government to be heard.

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