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POWDER MILL LETS GO

FOUR KILLED AT PITTSBURG, ILLINOIS.

Robbers Get Several Quarts of Nickels—Denver Takes Down Her Sign Inviting an Invasion of Tramps—Shocking Tragedy at St. Louis.

Blown to Eternity. Tuesday, 1,500 kgs of powder in the press mill at the Lincoln powder Works, near Pittsburg Station, Ill., exploded and the building was blown to atoms. Two workmen were killed instantly and two others were fatally injured and afterward died. The dead are: John Elliott, of Youngstown, Ohio; Luther Estes, of South Wyndham, Me.; Bishop Hickman, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Charles Mullach, of Pittsburg. A large steel hatch in the press mill snapped while revolving rapidly and a shower of sparks fell from the machinery into the powder. Estes, Hickman and Mullach are in the press mill when it went up. A moment after the press mill went up the corning mill was shattered, but the men in it had time to escape. The other buildings were saved, but for three hours fire raged toward the main storehouse containing twenty tons of powder. Strenuous efforts saved the storehouse, and an explosion was averted. The plant was worth about \$100,000. There are quite a number of dwelling-houses around the works, which were totally wrecked. This is the second time this mill has blown up.

CAMP RELIEF DISBANDED.

Five Hundred Unemployed Men Throw Onto Denver's Charity.

Camp Relief, at Denver, which has been operated by the State for the support of the idle and hungry men of the city, has been disbanded, and 500 men who have been receiving food at the camp were thrown upon the city, in addition to the hundreds of others who have been aided by the charitable organizations. There were many muttered threats among the men, most of whom are workmen, and, under ordinary circumstances, law-abiding citizens, but with starvation staring them in the face they are sullen and show a disposition to become desperate unless some means of continuing the supply of food is adopted immediately. The charity organizations of the city are already greatly overtaxed in caring for the suffering women and children of the city, and what to do with the large number of idle and hungry men is a grave question with the authorities.

KILLED HIS LITTLE BABES.

Insane John Finn of St. Louis Almost Exterminates His Family.

John Finn, a newspaper carrier, living at 2824 Chouteau avenue, St. Louis, almost completely wiped his family out of existence. He had been ill, and while his wife was absent from the house became delirious. Jumping from his bed he seized a flintlock and beat two of his children, boys, fearfully about the head, inflicting fatal injuries. Then with a butcher-knife he hacked his wife's head in a horrid manner. He completed his frantic work with a slash across his own throat. All five are fatally wounded. The horrible work of the insane man was not discovered until Mrs. Finn returned and found her little home literally rocking with the bodies were brought to the surface.

FINES FOR FAIR MEN.

Judge Stein Finds World's Fair Directors Guilty of Contempt.

For contempt of court in ignoring the Clingman injunction restraining the directors and officials of the World's Columbian Exposition from closing the gates of the Fair on Sunday, Judge Stein of Chicago entered a rule fining six members of the directory and the Director General. Those adjudged guilty with the fine entered against each, are as follows:

Lymond J. Gaze.....\$1,000
Charles L. Hutchinson.....1,000
John C. L. Johnson.....1,000
William D. Kerfoot.....1,000
Andrew McNally.....1,000
Victor P. Morris.....1,000
Director General Davis.....250

The court ordered that those fined \$1,000 stand committed to jail until the fine was paid. In the case of Director Victor Lawson, the court held that the officer had voted in belief that the injunction had lapsed, and that he was not intentionally guilty; in view of this mitigating circumstance a fine of \$100 was imposed. Director General Davis was held less directly responsible and was fined \$250, with the same provision regarding payment. Messrs. Messay, Forbes, St. Clair and Higinbotham were regarded by Judge Stein as instruments for the execution of the Directors' ruling, and were discharged. Director Nathan was also discharged. Attorney Eddy, representing the Fair Company, moved an appeal from the court's ruling and the motion was granted. All the Directors and other officers were in court.

TWELVE WERE DROWNED.

Sinking of the Steamer Sherman with Tourists on Lake George.

The steamer Rachel Sherman struck a rock and sank at Pearl Point landing, Lake George. She had an excursion party of twenty-nine persons aboard from Fourteen Mile Island. Twelve of the party were drowned. They were all from Troy, Brooklyn, and New York. The accident occurred about 9 o'clock at night at the lower end of Lake George. The steam yacht Rachel is owned by D. W. Sherman, proprietor of the Pearl Point House. The little vessel was turned toward the One Hundred Island House, and was gliding toward the landing when the passengers were thrown forward by a sudden shock. In the dark the vessel had run upon a sunken pier, and before assistance arrived from the shore it sank in eighteen feet of water. The shrieking, struggling passengers battled for life in the darkness. Deeds of heroism were performed by the men. When all in sight had reached the shore, it was learned that eight or nine persons, all women, except one youth of 10, had sunk to watery graves. As soon as possible an attempt to recover the bodies was made, and after strenuous efforts all the bodies were brought to the surface.

SOLDIERS' HOME SUED.

Veteran Wants Big Damages for Being Dishonorably Discharged.

At Leavenworth, Kan., Francis Xavier Cummerle, an 80-year-old veteran, has brought suit against the Soldiers' Home for \$366,226 damages. Cummerle was honorably discharged from the Home last October, without any compensation, and has other instruments that he has been using for the purpose. Several of the iron bars of the cells had been completely severed and only thirty minutes more time would have been required for them to gain their liberty.

Prisoners Fail to Break Jolt.

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BEATEN BY ROBES.

Horrible Treatment of an Aged Couple by Robbers.

New Smyrna, Fla., masked men entered the residence of Abraham Bean, a retired farmer, 97 years old, and finding Mr. and Mrs. Bean alone demanded their money. Mrs. Bean handed them a pocketbook containing less than a dollar. The robbers turned ferociously upon the old couple and beat them in a horrible manner. A piece of firewood was forced down Mr. Bean's throat in an effort to extort from him the hiding place of his supposed wealth. The old gentleman lost consciousness and the robbers, thinking they had killed him, knocked Mrs. Bean senseless with a club and fled. Mrs. Bean finally recovered and rang the dinner-bell to arouse the neighbors. No trace of the robbers was found.

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Money Is Moving.

An earnest effort is being made at the treasury department to assist the money market as far as the resources at the command of the department will permit. The circulation statement Wednesday showed an increase during July of \$17,372,000, of which the larger part was in gold coin. Acting Secretary Curtis took a further step to increase the circulation by signing an order late in the afternoon of yesterday authorizing banks which hold public funds on deposit to receive deposits up to the par value of their notes.

The requests for new national bank notes Wednesday to increase the outstanding circulation were \$4,070,000.

This is a larger amount than had been asked for in a single day for years, and almost reaches the largest total for the entire month of July. The belief seems to be entertained at the Treasury Department that both the savings banks and the national banks can profit by the surrender of the bonds held by the savings banks for cash to swell their currency reserves and by the issue of new circulation by the national banks in the bonds thus acquired.

If the demand for new circulation continues for a week or two at anything like the rates reached Wednesday, the national bank note circulation will advance \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000 during the month, and aggregate \$20,000,000 by September 1.

The gold in the Treasury passed the reserve limit and stood at \$100,791,370. The net gold certificates outstanding are \$89,659, and the total holdings in the Treasury at \$187,787,025. Gold has been pouring into the New York Custom House in payment of duties at a remarkable rate during the past two weeks and gold certificates have again found a place in the pay-

Mills Suppress a Row.

Bloody fight occurred at Elberon, a suburb of Parkersburg, W. Va. Milt and Will Freeman, two toughs who have terrorized the neighborhood, were the instigators. Besides the above Nona Vaughn, John Mull and four sons, John Strong and five other young participants. All were beaten and cut to pieces in a horrid manner.

Company E, local militia, arrived on the scene and separated the fighters with drawn guns and bayonets.

Base-Ball Record.

The standing of the clubs of the National League is shown by the following table:

W. L. Pct. W. L. Pct.

Boston.....46 26 Cincinnati.....41 17

Philadelphia.....33 32 St. Louis.....40 46

Pittsburgh.....51 34 Baltimore.....47 47

Cleveland.....47 33 Chicago.....35 50

New York.....48 33 St. Louis.....38 37

Brooklyn.....41 44 Louisville.....27 49

Morton's Barn Burned.

Lev. P. Morton's immense barn at Elleson, Blenheim, N. Y., and outbuildings, together with 100 head of Guernsey cattle and all the farm horses, were destroyed by fire. Loss, over \$100,000.

Motorman Crazed by an Accident.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. Harper, members of the theatrical profession visit-

ing relatives in Lincoln, Neb., was run over by an electric car and sustained injuries from which he died a few hours later. The motorman in charge of the car became violently insane. The mother of the child was seriously ill and news of its death has been kept from her. Conflicting stories are told as to the responsibility for the sad accident.

WRECK WAS A BAD ONE.

Three Killed and Nine Injured on the Lake Shore Road.

Three sleeping cars on the Lake Shore train, No. 1, going east Saturday night, were derailed by a spreading rail near Ohio, and crashed into a freight train on the siding. The list of the dead is: C. E. Lafferty, freight engineer, Elyria, Ohio; J. R. Robinson, colored porter, of sleeping car Erie, Chicago; Charles Spahn, Toledo, Ohio; M. C. Kitteridge, catcher of Chicago ball team, left wrist sprained; Bruno Kniffel, 54 Central avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, left hand injured; M. Pelleham, colored porter, Boston, Mass., internal injuries; James Ryan, member of Chicago baseball team, about head and face and left leg badly broken; H. G. Stevens, colored porter, Buffalo, N. Y., head cut; H. West, 562 Kenwood place, Chicago, cut about head and body.

TONE MORE HEALTHY.

Gold Imports Are Helping to Disperse Monetary Clouds.

R. G. Dun & Co's Weekly Review of Trade says:

Demoralization in the speculative markets has been followed by a more healthy and recovery of confidence, and it is now apparent that the monetary trouble may abate. The week has been one of surprises. Enormous liquidation in wheat brought the lowest prices ever known. The crash of the pork ring took nearly \$10 from the nominal price of that product in an attempt to bring it into line with the actual price of \$10. Extraordinary depression in stocks, and a slaughter which included some of the best, were quickly followed by a bear panic and sensational advances. Metal and mineral market prices here have come in singular series of up and down, notwithstanding an actual increase in present embarrassments, almost amounting to a paralysis of exchange between the chief commercial cities, and of many industrial properties. The 2 per cent. discount on the market of wages has been removed, and the people are no longer asked to pay for the payment of wages. Hopes are nevertheless fixed on the ships bringing over \$11,000,000 gold across the sea, and on the extra session of Congress.

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Boles Asks for Rest.

Gov. Boles, of Iowa, has made public his desire to not run a third time for Governor and while not declining to become a candidate for the Senate or for the nomination of the party, he has withdrawn his name from the race. He states his opposition to the plan of nominating by popular vote, and so long as there is no provision for it, he thinks a nomination effected by this method would intrude national issues at a time when State issues were paramount.

Removed a Rail.

An attempt was made to wreck the southbound passenger train on the Wabash Railroad near Moberly, Mo. Shortly after midnight the son of the station agent overheard two men talking about the expected wreck. He summoned help, and an examination of the track showed that a rail had been removed near a bridge. The train was flagged and the track repaired.

James H. Walker & Co. Fail.

James H. Walker & Co., the big Chicago dry-goods merchant, confessed judgment for \$3,495,72 in favor of Ed. Noa.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Commerce to Prime.....\$3 25 @ 5 25

Sheep—For Choice.....3 00 @ 4 50

WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....38 @ 5 50

NO. 2.....33 @ 4 25

NO. 3.....23 @ 2 25

BUTTER—1/4 lb. Creamers.....4 1/2 @ 30 30

Eggs—Fresh.....13 @ 1 15

POTATOES—New per bushel.....1 50 @ 2 50

ST. LOUIS.

CATTLE.....3 00 @ 5 00

HOGS.....3 00 @ 5 25

WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....56 @ 5 50

OATS—No. 2.....38 @ 3 50

OATS—No. 2 White.....42 @ 3 25

RYE—No. 2.....48 @ 2 50

CINCINNATI.

CATTLE.....3 00 @ 4 75

HOGS.....3 00 @ 5 00

WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....56 @ 5 50

CORN—No. 2 White.....42 @ 3 50

OATS—No. 2 White.....48 @ 3 25

DETROIT.

CATTLE.....3 00 @ 4 75

HOGS.....3 00 @ 5 00

WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....56 @ 5 50

CORN—No. 2 White.....42 @ 3 50

OATS—No. 2 White.....48 @ 3 25

RYE—No. 2.....48 @ 2 50

FUFFALO.

CATTLE—Commerce to Prime.....3 00 @ 5 00

HOGS.....3 00 @