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IN COCHRAN'S CAVE.

HOW THE PHILADELPHIA MINT THIEF WORKED.

Curious Theater Fire at Canton, Ill.—Stern Talk to Senators—Plumes Ravage an Ohio Town—A Minneapolis Man in Serious Trouble.

He Robbed the Mint.

Remarkable discoveries were made in the old stone house of Henry S. Cochran, the man who robbed the Philadelphia mint, at Darby. There were many secret hiding places between walls, concealed by trick panels, but the most surprising discovery was the last. In the cellar of the pretty home of the man who robbed the gold vault at the mint was found a tunnel leading from the southwest corner of the cellar to the end of the grassy lawn overlooking Woodland avenue, and it was intended to serve as a means of escape for the dishonest bullion guardian should he be surprised while at his crucible melting the stolen gold.

PANIC IN A THEATER.

Northern Wisconsin Is Suffering from a Terrible Visitation.

Materials Used in a Realistic Play at Canton, Ill., Explode.

The new Canton, Ill., opera house was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday evening and in the excited scramble of the panic-stricken audience to escape from the burning building one man was severely burned and as many as twenty-five other persons sustained burns and severe bruises as they were jostled and trampled upon. The Baldwin-Misville Company presented "Michael Fronhof." About 9:30 o'clock some fireworks used in the play exploded with terrific force and blazing brands were hurled in all directions. The inflammable material surrounding the stage quickly ignited and in an incredibly short time the building was doomed to complete destruction. Panic seized the audience, who wildly fled from the burning building, but fortunately not most miraculously those in the parquet, dress circle and balcony escaped serious injury, though many were trampled under foot and seriously bruised. The actors were all burned, some of them quite badly. They had scarcely time to escape themselves and lost all their belongings. The exploding fireworks were hurled into the second balcony and many of the people there were badly burned before they could escape. The money loss is fully \$100,000.

THE PRESIDENT IS ANGRY.

Mr. Cleveland Getting Tired of the Delay in the Senate.

The President is angry, and the Senators are the cause. Mr. Cleveland, according to a Washington correspondent, has now ceased to be a virtuous man, and the time has come to settle the question physically. This will be done by a continuous session unless the anti's in a very few days permit a vote. In his speech at the Centennial celebration there was a sentence the significance of which was lost to all but a few within the sound of his voice. As he reached the sentence he turned abruptly from the crowd in front and faced the Senators. His face was clouded and very stern as he said: "If representatives who here assemble to make laws for their fellow countrymen forget the duty of broad and disinterested patriotism, and legislate in prejudice and passion, or in behalf of sectional and selfish interests, the time when the cornerstone of our Capitol was laid and the circumstances surrounding it will not be worth commemorating." He paused for an instant as he finished. Those who had heard him applauded, and then he faced the crowd again and finished his speech.

SLEVE FIVE PEOPLE.

Whole Family Chopped to Pieces by a Flood Near Glendale, Ind.

By far the most atrocious and sensational murder that has been committed in that section of the State took place Tuesday morning one and one-half miles west of Glendale, Ind., was that of the slasher of Donelson Wratton, a well-known farmer, and his family, consisting of his mother, wife and two children. The deed was done by some one who knew all about the family and knew that the women had no means with which to defend themselves, as the only man about the house was very sick and they were too far away from any neighbors to call help. No evidence that would point to the guilty parties has yet been secured, as they have thoroughly covered their tracks. The only weapon used, it is thought, was a hatchet, as all the gashes are very nearly alike. A pack of bloodhounds have been scouring the immediate vicinity, but have thus far been unable to track down the assassins.

Patterson, Ohio, Is in Ruins.

At 4 o'clock Sunday morning the flouring mill at Patterson, Hardin County, Ohio, caught fire, and before the flames could be checked over a third of the town had been destroyed. Ten business blocks burned, six residences, the postoffice building and all its contents, the total loss being \$60,000, with \$6,000 insurance. Household goods were all destroyed and a child of John Bamer was missing.

W. S. Streeter Arrested.

W. S. Streeter, vice president of the insolvent Guaranty Loan Company at Minneapolis, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by J. H. Burke. The complainant charges the prisoner with having declared a dividend when the company was insolvent. Burke has posed for some time as a financial reformer and has long been following up the Guaranty Loan Company.

Whole Family Butchered.

Benson Wratton and family, six in all, living near Washington, Ind., were butchered the other night. The victims were horribly mutilated.

Failure at St. Paul.

Mast, Burford & Burwell, the big carriage manufacturing concern of St. Paul, made an assignment.

Floods in Virginia.

Advices received from Madison County, Va., say that the floods in that section have caused immense damage to crops and fencing. Four large miles on the banks of the Rapidan River and three dwellings in the county have been washed away.

Died in Their Beds.

A small house in the Whitechapel district of London was burned the other morning. After the fire was extinguished a search was made of the ruins and the bodies of a man and four women were found.

Fatal Collision on a Race Track.

Oscar Christensen, of Lancaster, Minn., was killed in a collision on the track fair grounds track, between Kirby, a running horse, and a trotter from Pipestone, driven by E. Link. Both horses were killed. It is alleged that Link was driving in the wrong direction and ran into Christensen.

Fatal Explosion of an Oil Tank.

By the explosion of a partly filled oil tank at Canton, Ohio, having a capacity of fifty barrels, Henry Melke, a foreman, was almost roasting alive and died three hours later. Eight workmen were severely burned at the wrought iron bridge company plant.

NEAL ON THE STUMP,
Opens the Democratic Campaign in Ohio
at Newark.

Lawrence T. Neal, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, made the opening speech of his campaign at Newark Thursday. His audience was large, delegations being present from Columbus, Zanesville, Mansfield, and many other cities. Mr. Neal's speech was mainly an attack on that system of tariff which he was pleased to term McKinleyism. Mr. Neal said that the Sherman silver law and the McKinley tariff law underlie the want of confidence which is the cause of the trouble, and gave it as his belief that prosperity can only be obtained by adherence to the Democratic faith in the matter of both currency and tariff reform. "The purchasing clause of the tariff is the cause of the trouble, and we must apply the ax to the root of the evil with earnestness and vigor, and forever destroy the McKinley method of taxation."

RAGING FOREST FIRES.

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The report of the burning of Marshfield, Wis., by forest fire was exaggerated, but Northern Wisconsin is one smoldering furnace.

The line of fires ravaged the forests between Marshfield and Lake Superior. Where they will end no one can say. Unless there is rain in Northern Wisconsin soon even greater disasters than have already occurred may be expected. Many families are homeless and destitute. As yet no one has been able to confirm the reports of losses of life, but that some settlers have been cut off by the flames and buried is very probable. So far no bodies have been recovered, however, have been located. Many persons escaped death only after adventures of a most thrilling character, and some of the stories of the refugees are dramatic. The man was dressed in sailor garb. There is no land enough to complete destruction. Panic seized the audience, who wildly fled from the burning building, but fortunately not most miraculously those in the parquet, dress circle and balcony escaped serious injury, though many were trampled under foot and seriously bruised. The actors were all burned, some of them quite badly. They had scarcely time to escape themselves and lost all their belongings. The exploding fireworks were hurled into the second balcony and many of the people there were badly burned before they could escape. The money loss is fully \$100,000.

THE AWFUL MURDER AT DETROIT.

Head and Face of the Victim. Hacked Beyond Recognition.

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places made sacred by the gathering of the champions of every creed that claims a votary men with lamblike faces and nimble fingers have gone and departed with other people's property. In the belief that furnish or try to furnish thieves, cold-blooded, callous, hopeless thieves, have gone and fished money, jewels, books, a typewriter and other articles from men who, with "grave, becoming and sublime deportment, met for such a momentous occasion"—Goldsmith said once of men similarly engaged—were occupied during the past week at the Art Palace in Chicago in presenting their theses on the proper plan to pick a path to paradise. In a word, thieves have invaded the parliament of religions.

CASHIER BAIN AN EBEMBEZZLER.

Confesses to the Directors of the Home Bank That He Lost in Speculation.

The Home Bank, at New York, has been robbed of \$16,185 in bonds by its cashier, Howard L. Bain. Bain has confessed to the directors of the institution that he lost the money in speculation in Wall street. The discovery that the bonds had disappeared from the safe was made three weeks ago. The defalcation was kept quiet, however, until it leaked out through an unguarded statement of an officer of the bank to one of the depositors. Bain has not been arrested. He sent in his resignation, but was not discharged. He was bonded for \$15,000 by the Fidelity Casualty Company. The latter has agreed to pay the full amount of his bond to the bank. The rest of the defalcation, he has been made good by the directors.

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A NATION'S JUBILEE.

CELEBRATION OF THE CAPITOL'S CENTENNIAL.

Anniversary of the Laying of the Corner Stone at Washington a Memorable Event—Civic and Military Parade and Patriotic Speeches—Historical.

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