

DEATH IN THE BLAST.

AWFUL WORK BY A PREMATURE EXPLOSION.

Metropolitan Elevated Motor at Chicago Plunges to the Ground—Kansas Prodigal Son Makes a Dramatic Entrance—Sutain Orders a Butchery.

**Two Killed, Seven Hurt.**  
Two men were killed, five others so badly injured they may die, and two others seriously hurt by a premature explosion of dynamite Monday on Sec. 14 of the Chicago drainage canal. All the victims of the disaster were laborers under the foremanship of Richard Powers. According to the statements of drainage canal employees, the long had just completed the digging and had filled sixteen holes of the blast with 250 pounds of dynamite. Investigation indicated the accident was due to the carelessness or misfortune of John Bowen, a workman, whose duty it was to explode the blasts. Bowen had prepared for a blast by placing the electrical machine used in exploding the dynamite in the bed of the ditch. To test the machine he then inserted an explosive cap and turned away for a moment. Coming back he pulled the lever and there was a terrific explosion. One after another the charges of dynamite placed along the face of the rock blew up with reports distinctly heard at Joliet, seven miles away. The laborers were in a frenzy at the killing and mangling of their comrades and, it is said, started after Bowen with the avowed intention of wreaking vengeance on him. He was arrested by the drainage police before the mob caught him, however, and locked up. It is usual on the canal to give a danger signal before exploding a blast by heavy notes from a steam signal. No signal was blown Monday, however.

PORTÉ ORDERS A MASSACRE.

Dispatches Announce that Zeitoun Is to Be Destroyed.

A dispatch from Constantinople, the Frankfurter Zeitung, Berlin, says: "The porte has ordered Mustapha Remzi Pasha to attack with 10,000 troops and two batteries the City of Zeitoun, and to bombard and destroy it, and to massacre the 12,000 Armenians in the city." This order followed the receipt of an official dispatch from Zeitoun, which said that the Armenians there on Sunday last massacred all the Turkish soldiers imprisoned in the town. This probably refers to the 400 Turkish troops who were captured by the Zeitounites when the uprising first occurred, although it has been announced that all the soldiers, except nine who were dead, had been released.

WANDERING BOY RETURNS.

Discloses His Identity Just Before Family Prayers.

Seven years ago Solomon Romstead, the 19-year-old son of A. Romstead, of Franklin County, Kan., left home and no trace of him could be found. Thursday night a horseman, dusty and tired, rode up to the old homestead and asked quarters for the night. The stranger did not reveal his identity until just before the father was ready for family prayers. Then there was an affecting scene between parents and son. The young man had come from Oklahoma where he owns a fine farm.

BURNED BY HOT SLAG.

Eight Men Injured by an Explosion of Gas in a Blast Furnace.

At Pittsburgh, Pa., by an explosion of gas at Shoemaker's rolling mill, on 14th street, eight men were burned, one of them fatally. The men were working at the bottom of a blast furnace. When the gas exploded, it forced the hot slag, which accumulates in the cupola, over the sides. Before the men could get out of the way, the hot metal poured out over them. Bowman was badly burned all over the body, and the rest sustained severe injuries about their faces and heads.

Two Men Injured.

The worst accident in the history of the Chicago Metropolitan Elevated Railroad occurred Monday morning when a westbound motor became unmanageable as it neared the 48th street terminus and plunged to the ground, a distance of twenty feet. The motorman and conductor were injured. The motor car stopped at the West 48th avenue station, where several passengers were let off. Motorman Brady received the signal to go on, and when he applied the current the car started forward with a rush. Before he could apply the brakes and reverse the current lever the car ran into the bumpers. The bumpers were broken and the car plunged downward. The front end of the motor landed in the street, while the rear wheels remained on the elevated structure.

Noted Possum Hunter Buried.

Steven Ross, the greatest possum hunter Ohio, was buried at Massillon Friday afternoon, after having lived the life of 108. He was freed from slavery in Virginia and came here before the war. His ghost stories were celebrated, and he wrote half a dozen books. Massillon upon his knee. He had a formula for cooking possum, an important feature of which was the mystic gibberish he uttered over the boiling mass, that was almost as famous as his talent for spectral stories. Though penniless and childless, he will be sincerely mourned.

Crushed by a Car.

Five laborers were injured—one fatally—at the Dayton, Ohio, Malleable Iron Works. The men were at work on a track between the buildings, when a car loaded with pig iron was pushed toward them, crushing them against the walls until stopped by the brakes.

Warsaw Threatened by Floods.

Warsaw, the county seat of Benton County, Missouri, is threatened with destruction by floods from the Osage River. The Sedalia, Warsaw and Southwestern passenger station is adrift. Missouri, Kansas and Texas tracks have been washed away in Vernon County.

Master of Exchequer Gone.

George King, master of the exchequer of Monitor Lodge, No. 68, Knights of Pythias, is missing from St. Louis, and along with him, it is reported, have gone \$2,000 of the funds of the lodge.

Fearful Mine Disaster.

At 9 o'clock Thursday morning, shortly after the day force numbering sixty-seven men had gone on duty at the Cunck coal mines, six miles west of Raleigh, N. C., a fire-damp explosion occurred, killing it is believed, forty-three men.

Not a Dissenting Voice.

Friday the Senate without a dissenting vote passed the House bill for the appointment of the Venezuelan commission. Not an amendment was pressed.

Call Money 75 per Cent.

There was a panic in the New York stock market Friday. The President's special message to Congress on the Venezuela affair had the effect of frightening up on the Grand Banks.

Chicago Investors Alarmed.

At Indianapolis Minerva D. Vervenig, Otto Carlson and Melchor H. G. Grable, of Chicago, filed application for the appointment of a receiver for the Pidelity Building and Loan Association, No. 4, alleging that it is hopelessly involved.

PRAISE FOR TERRELL.

Secretary Olney Reports on Troubles in Armenia.

The President on Thursday, in response to the Senate resolution of Dec. 4, calling for information respecting affairs in Turkey, transmitted a report by Secretary Olney, summarizing but not including the official correspondence and beginning with the massacre at Moosh in August, 1894. In substance the Secretary's report contains all that has been done to protect American citizens against atrocities, since the time when they have not been injured in person; quotes Minister Terrell as estimating the number of Armenians killed at 30,000, and after citing several cases where naturalized Americans have been oppressively treated states that proper steps have been taken to secure indemnity in all cases and to protect our naturalized citizens in their treaty rights. Secretary Olney says the number of United States citizens in Turkey is not accurately known, but there are 172 American missionaries scattered over Asia Minor and numbers of our citizens in business, besides naturalized Americans temporarily residing there. The total and that probably the number of these persons is between 500 and 600. The bulk of this American element is found in the interior of Asia Minor and Syria, in quarters remote from our consulates, isolated and inaccessible, except by difficult mountain journeys.

TO MAKE A NATIONAL PARK

Plan on Foot to Create a Reservation on the Hudson.

The Palisades commissioners of New York and New Jersey have taken action to preserve to posterity the wonderfully beautiful upturned ledge of rock along the western shore of the majestic Hudson. A bill has been introduced in Congress to be presented.

MIGHT PROVE A BOOMERANG.

British Financial Leaders Talk of Calling in Their American Credits.

A London dispatch says: "A grave but inevitable consequence of President Cleveland's message upon the British-Venezuelan dispute has arisen, perhaps sooner than might have been expected. A meeting of prominent financial leaders has held important interests in the United States and in the considering office for the purpose of considering the advisability of united action in calling in their American credits. It is undoubtedly within the power of English capitalists by such a combined movement to deal America a blow which would, temporarily, be terribly embarrassing and disastrous. It would, however, prove to a certain extent a boomerang, and this view had its influence upon the majority of those who attended the meeting. The conference was private and it was not intended even that the fact that it took place should be allowed to be made public.

the foreign investors—especially the English—in American securities. Before the Eastern markets opened cables from London evinced that there was a semi-panic in the American department on the British Bourse. Stocks and bonds were thrown on the market regardless of the price and buyers were very few even at enormous concessions. At the close of the exchange in Chapel court the "Yankees" were thoroughly subverted. The general list fell from 2 to 6 points below the final New York quotations. In Wall street the effect of London's closing figures was simply demoralizing. The important and active properties opened all the way from 1 to 3 points off and up to 10 points to fall. Each successive cable indicated still lower figures, and it was finally reported that the London Stock Exchange had refused to accept orders. The unfavorable news was coincident with preparations by the gold-shipping houses for Saturday's exports to Europe. The initial trading was highly sensational, and declines were made all along the line, extending to 4½ per cent. A sinister feature was an advance in rates for call money to 75 per cent, collecting the calling of loans. Three failures were reported on the New York Stock Exchange and one on the Consolidated Exchange. Only one, that of S. S. Sands & Co., was of financial importance. The railway and miscellaneous bond market was also demoralized, declines ranging up to 15 per cent. It was rumored that a single house had dumped \$400,000 of Reading bonds on the Wisconsin Central trust. The bill sought to call the extreme of the market, and in the leading securities the recent extended to 11½ per cent, in Kansas and Texas, 20 to 47½. Around 12:30 the selling pressure abated and recoveries were made in the stock market from the lowest extending to 3 per cent. Bonds were relatively active.

BACKS THE PRESIDENT.

Congress Votes to Sustain the Monroe Doctrine.

The House passed a bill authorizing the President to appoint a Venezuelan commission and appropriating \$100,000 for expenses. The Senate did not take up the Venezuelan dispute directly, but Senator Chandler introduced a bill "to strengthen the military armament." It directs the President to strengthen the military force of the United States by adding 1,000,000 infantry rifles, 1,000 guns for field artillery, and not exceeding 5,000 heavy guns for fortifications. The sum of \$1,000,000 is made immediately available for the purpose of the proposed armament.

BIG BUILDING COLLAPSES.

At Least One Man Killed by an Accident in Minneapolis.

The second floor of the Palace Clothing Company's big store on Nicollet avenue, Minneapolis, collapsed just before noon Friday. Gale Walters, a clerk, is dead, and a dispatch says, others may be in the ruins. The store is a double front, and the entire right half of it collapsed from the fourth floor to the basement. The building is an old one, which was remodeled for the Palace Company's use.

Death of Captain Bassett.

Captain Isaac Bassett, the venerable assistant doorman of the Senate, died at Washington Wednesday afternoon. Capt. Bassett, the "father of the Senate," spent his entire career as a Senate employee. He enjoyed the distinction of being the second page appointed in the chamber and the last officer of that body elected by ballot, all subsequent offices being filled by appointment.

CAPTAIN BASSETT.

Europe Is Breathless.

The contents of the message have aroused the people of continental Europe as nothing in the second half of this century has done. Great Britain is astounded according to her own papers. Many of them are insolent and truculent in their comments, and it is evident that the President's utterances fill them with unceasing fury. One of them says that "the epitaph of the Monroe doctrine has been written in the Venezuelan correspondence." Another sneeringly says that "the invocation of the Monroe doctrine is irrelevant," and that it is "not a principle of international law, because England has not recognized it"—as if nothing were important that did not have England's assent and sanction.

The London Times declares that England will not admit the pretensions put forward by President Cleveland.

The Times then proceeds to argue that the Monroe doctrine has never been recognized as international law and quotes Lord Salisbury's admission that any disturbance of the existing territorial distribution in the Western Hemisphere by any European State would be highly inexpedient.

Other organs of British opinion take the ground that if the "President should seriously declare that the United States would enforce the decision of the special commission, such a preposterous contention was sustained by the American Congress and people, there would seem nothing left to do but to teach the United States a needed lesson."

And more blunt to the same effect.

There was a time early in this century when English statesmen and English papers scoffed at the protest of the United States, then a feeble nation, against the searching of American ships by English war vessels and the removal of seamen on the pretense that they were King George's subjects. This protest was denounced as "impudent." "The right of search" was claimed to be a part of "international law" as defined by Great Britain. But after the war of 1812 England, silently, revised her ideas of international law and dropped out "the right of search" of American vessels on the high seas. She

THIS IS ONE NATION.

Eagle's Screams Arouse American Patriots.

LION MUST KEEP OUT.

Congress Votes to Sustain the President.

Bill Passed Giving Him Money and the Commission-American People, Regardless of Party, Uphold Grover in the Enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine—Nothing Since the War Has So Deeply Stirred This Nation—The British Press Is Insolent and Furious.



Washington correspondence:

Great Britain is with the President in the support of the Monroe doctrine, and the American people are with Congress. The House of Representatives without dissenting voice has passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for an American judicial commission to ascertain the true boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela. This is the beginning of the

glad in regard to the conduct of Russia in China and Korea, or Russia, France and Germany in relations between China and Japan.

BASSETT PASSES AWAY.

Venerable Assistant Doorman of the National Senate Is Dead.

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Capt. Bassett was born in Washington six years ago. His father was Simon Bassett, who came from Milford, Conn., and his mother was of Irish birth. He was a protege of Daniel Webster, who secured the appointment of the boy,

ASKS NOW FOR GOLD.

PRESIDENT SENDS ANOTHER MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

Urge Revision of the Finances, and Requests that No Recess Be Taken Until Gold Reserve Is Protected—Immediate Action Is Sought.

Text of the Message.

The following message was sent to Congress by President Cleveland Friday:

To the Congress: In my last annual message the evils of our present financial system were plainly pointed out and the causes and means of the depletion of government gold were explained.

It was therein stated that after all the efforts that had been made by the executive branch of the government to protect our gold reserve by the issuance of bonds, amounting to more than \$162,000,000, such reserve then amounted to but little more than \$79,000,000, about \$10,000,000 had been withdrawn from such reserve during the month next previous to the date of that message, and quite large withdrawals for shipment in the immediate future were predicted.

The contingency then feared has reached us, and the withdrawal of gold since the communication referred to and others that appear inevitable threaten such a depletion in our government gold reserve as brings us face to face with the necessity of further action for its protection.

This condition is intensified by the prevalence in certain quarters of sudden and unusual apprehension and timidity in business circles.

We are in the midst of another season of perplexity caused by our dangerous and fatuous financial operations. These

may be expected to occur with certainty as long as there is no amendment in our financial system. If in this particular instance our predicament is at all influenced by a recent insistence upon the position

we would occur in our relation to certain questions concerning our foreign policy, this furnishes a signal and impressive warning that even the patriotic sentiment of our people is not an adequate substitute for a sound financial policy.

Of course there can be no doubt in any thoughtful mind as to the complete solvency of our nation, nor can there be any just apprehension that the American people will be satisfied with less than an honest payment of our public obligations in the recognized money of the world. We should not overlook the fact, however, that aroused fear is unreasoning and must be taken into account in all efforts to avert public loss and the sacrifice of our people's interests.

Cure for Recurring Troubles.

The real and sensible cure for our recurring troubles can only be effected by a complete change in our financial scheme.

Pending that the executive branch of the government will not relax its efforts nor abandon its determination to use every means within its reach to maintain before the world American credit, will not there be any hesitation in exhibiting its confidence in the resources of our country and the constant patriotism of our people?

In view, however, of the peculiar situation now confronting us, I have ventured to herein express the earnest hope that the Congress, in default of the inauguration of a better system of finance, will not take a recess from its labors before it has, by legislative enactment or declaration, done something not only to remind those apprehensive among our people that the resources of this government and a scrupulous regard for honest dealing afford a sure guarantee of unquestioned safety and soundness, but to reassure the world that with these factors and the patriotism of our citizens the ability and determination of our nation to meet in any circumstances every obligation it incurs do not admit of question.

I am at the hands of Congress such prompt aid as it alone has the power to give to prevent in a time of fear and apprehension any sacrifice of the people's interests and the public funds or the impairment of our public credit in an effort by executive action to relieve the dangers of the present contingency.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

SENATE IS AS ONE MAN.

Passes the Bill for a Commission Unanimously.

Neither the bluff and bluster of British financiers nor the threats of Wall street operators moved the United States Senate for what it deemed its patriotic duty.

It has been the custom to sign all caucus calls for the party in power.

TOSSES EGGS AT AHLWARTZ.

Jew Baiter's First Lecture in America.

Punctuated with Odorous Misses.

An educated bigot landed on our shores last week and will make frantic efforts to turn the people of the United States against the Hebrew race. His name is Herman Ahlwartz. He is a member of the German Reichstag and is known throughout the world over as the Jew-baiter. He is the leader of the anti-Semitic party in Germany and has served three terms in prison for talking too freely. He is 50 years old—old enough to know better than to come to this country to set in motion an organized movement of persecution. He says he comes here on the invitation of prominent men in Milwaukee and New York, but he will not give their names because he thinks it would hurt their