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RENSSELAER, INDIANA

SIXTY FALL TO DEATH

AWFUL PLUNGE OF A VICTORIA, B. C., STREET CAR.

Dives to the River 100 Feet Below Through a Rotten Bridge—Big Cotton States Show Fails Through Apathy of Those to Be Benefited.

Horror at Victoria.
A terrible accident occurred at Victoria, B. C., Tuesday. A sham fight and review was to take place at Macaulay Point, near Esquimalt, and crowds were making their way there by every route. All the tram cars were packed. Two cars left Government street with more than 100 people. The first got safely over Point Ellice bridge, which crosses Victoria arm. When the other was about half way over the middle span of the bridge, about 150 feet in length, gave way and the car plunged into the water 100 feet below. The car was completely submerged, and all on board were drowned with the exception of some who were standing on the platform and who, escaping injury from the falling timbers, managed to save themselves by using the floating ruins of the bridge and thus got ashore. Sixty bodies had been recovered at 10 o'clock at night. Only a few of them, however, have been identified.

EXPOSITION POSTPONED.

Cotton States Fall to Do Their Part for the Big Show.

The proprietors of the Cotton States exposition, which was to have been held in Chicago this fall, have decided to give up the scheme for the present. This action was decided upon at an executive session of those in charge. The proposed fair grew out of the visit of many prominent Chicagoans to Atlanta last November. The leaders of the movement for the Chicago Cotton States exposition have been confident of success. For a long time it had been apparent to the Chicago committee that the South would eventually fail to come to time and the exhibition would fall through. The Chicago committee has done all that it agreed to—it has raised the necessary \$100,000 successfully to carry on the project; it has facilitated railroad communications between the North and South, but after repeatedly advising the Southern committee that it was ready to carry out its part, a communication was received asking the committee to postpone the date, no time being set. This, it is thought, amounts to an eventual abandonment of the scheme on the part of the South. The directors say that the exposition has not been entirely abandoned, but that 1888 or some other year may be selected as the time to hold it.

A. C. MELLETTE DEAD.

Ex-Governor of South Dakota Succumbs to Heart Failure.
A. C. Mellette, ex-Governor of South Dakota, died Monday morning at his home in Pittsburgh, Kan., of heart failure, after an illness of about five weeks. Death was, however, brought on by a complication of diseases of four or five years' standing. He was a prominent Knight Templar.

Standing of National League.
Following is the standing of the clubs in the National Baseball League:

W. L.	W. L.
Cincinnati .21	11 Chicago .17
15	15
Cleveland .18	10 Washington .14
Boston .15	12 Brooklyn .13
Pittsburgh .16	11 New York .12
Baltimore .18	13 St. Louis .11
Philadelphia .17	14 Louisville .7
24	24

Western League Standing.

Following is the standing of the clubs in the Western League:

W. L.	W. L.
Detroit .19	8 Minneapolis .15
St. Paul .16	10 Indianapolis .12
Kansas City .15	11 Columbus .9
Milwaukee .17	14 Grand Rapids .7
22	22

Gives Her Estate to a Convict.
Mrs. Martha Galloway, a large property owner of Fort Scott, Kan., died Tuesday, leaving a will bequeathing一切 to her son, Clark Bedell, who is a convict in the New York State prison at Auburn, half of her valuable estate and precluding her husband from any share in it. The convict son was for many years a prominent man of Fort Scott, and his parents have succeeded in keeping his disgrace a profound secret until the mother died and the step-father retained counsel to contest the will. The nature of Bedell's offense is not known at home.

Hermit C. H. Thomas Has an Heir.
An official search of the effects of Charles H. Thomas, the aged hermit who died at the Cincinnati hospital, disclosed that he has a son, Henry, who is, or was, acting sheriff at Glenwood Springs, Colo. The old man was miserly and physicians say he died of starvation. He lived mainly on what he gathered from garbage barrels. He owned a farm in Kentucky, an orange grove in Florida and had several hundred dollars in bank. He lived in a dingy hotel in McFarland street, where he kept a junk shop.

Devoted to Reports.
The second day's session of the Presbyterian general assembly at Saratoga, N. Y., was opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. George D. Ladd, of Galena, Ill. The business of the day consisted principally in the reception of the reports of the special committees appointed in 1885. Some standing committees were announced by the moderator, Dr. John L. Withrow.

Gov. Bradley Indicted.
Gov. Bradley has been indicted at London, Ky., by the grand jury for failing to file a description of his lands in that county under the recent tax law. It is believed that the lands are not very valuable and the Governor overlooked the fact that the lands were in his name.

Colonel Mosby Critically Ill.
Col. John S. Mosby, the ex-Confederate soldier, recently consults to Hong Kong, is lying critically ill at his home in San Francisco. He is suffering from appendicitis.

To Inhabit Arnold's Cottage.
At a meeting of the Philadelphia Park Commission a proposition was made by ex-Mayor Stoekey that the city renovates the residence in the park that was occupied by Benedict Arnold when he resided there and make it the official summer residence of the Mayor.

Horror at Buffalo, N. Y.
At Buffalo, N. Y., the Second street side of the Brown building, formerly occupied by the Western Union Telegraph Company, collapsed Thursday and a score or more people were buried in the ruins. Two were killed outright, two are missing, and sixteen are badly hurt.

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Schooner Sunrise Run Down by the Whaleback Barge 133.

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TALES OF SPANISH BRUTALITY.

A Missionary Relates Them to a Senate Committee.

Rev. Albert J. Diaz, the American citizen and Baptist missionary who, with his family and brother, was expelled from Cuba after having been arrested and incarcerated in prison there, has been given a hearing before the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, consisting of Senators Morgan and Davis. Mr. Diaz made a statement under oath. Many of the statements made by Mr. Diaz have already appeared in print. One case just furnished the State Department was at Guatamala, where the Spanish soldiers killed six or seven men (non-combatants). Then the Spaniards went into different houses and gathered seventeen men. They tied these together, two by two, among them being Ladislo Quintero, of Key West, an American 21 years old, who was found sick in bed. The men were taken to the street and commanded to kneel down. The soldiers fired at them, killing all except the American. This occurred Feb. 22 in the immediate presence of the wives and children of the unfortunate men. Dr. Diaz's statement gives accounts of cases where he alleged Spanish soldiers were used by the Spaniards after the shooting of two children in the arms of their mothers by the Spaniards. March 15, in Havana, he saw a man who had been killed by the Spaniards and who had seventy-one bayonet wounds. Dr. Diaz mentioned several instances where the Spaniards bombarded insurgent hospitals, killing the inmates.

MILLIONS FOR COAST DEFENSES.

Fortifications Bill Carries an Appropriation of \$10,763,888.

The fortifications bill which passed the Senate appropriates the liberal sum of \$10,763,888. The House Committee on Appropriations appropriated \$5,845,837 for coast defenses, but the Senate increased the amount by \$4,918,051. The main question of the importance of having this large appropriation made was conceded without objections in the Senate, so that the fortifications bill passed unanimously.

PRISONERS HIGH IN MIDAIR.

Big Wheel Spins Running, to the Great Discomfort of Passengers.

At Earl's court, London, there is a great wheel, larger than the famous Ferris wheel of Chicago, carrying forty big cars. Thursday evening the wheel started with quite a number of people on board, but suddenly ceased to revolve. A number of people were compelled to remain aloft until next morning.

MURDER MYSTERY CLEARING.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, Henrietta Clausen and Anna Lundberg disappeared, and a few days afterward in the basement of the First Scandinavian, M. E. Church were found traces of a blood crime. Dovilapins were found in the arrest of the pastor. In his trunk were found many articles of personal property belonging to the girls. There is every evidence that the bodies of the girls were cremated in the church furnace.

Czar Reaches Moscow.

The czar and czarina made their triumphal entry into Moscow amid the thunder of batteries of artillery, the clanging of countless bells, and the cheers of a vast multitude of loyal Russians and equally enthusiastic visitors from all parts of the world. Probably never in history has there been such an assemblage of peoples. Possibly the gory scene may never be repeated in its

COMPANY GRANTS an ADVANCE.

Over one thousand men in Cleveland, Ohio, who have no idle time for the past ten days as a result of the strike in the yards of the Globe Iron Company, have agreed to work. The company submitted a proposition offering a substantial advance in wages and after a long and heated discussion the men voted by a small majority to return to work on condition that all hands be taken back.

ARKANSAS FIRM SHIPS 15,390 FROGS.

A firm at Stuttgart, Ark., shipped by express Friday 15,390 frogs to northern markets. They were captured in the swamps of Arkansas County.

MISOURI IS ON THE RAMPAGE.

The Missouri river is on a boom, and all streams on both sides of the river for 100 miles north are bank full and flood damage is imminent.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, shipping, grades \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 50¢ to 61¢; corn, No. 2, 28¢ to 29¢; oats, No. 2, 19¢; rye, No. 2, 35¢ to 37¢; butter, choice creamery, 14¢ to 16¢; eggs, fresh, 9¢ to 11¢; potatoes, per bushel, 12¢ to 20¢; broom corn, \$25 to \$50 per ton for common to choice.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 6¢ to 66¢; corn, No. 1 white, 29¢ to 31¢; oats, No. 2 white, 21¢ to 23¢.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 6¢ to 66¢; corn, No. 2 mixed, 28¢ to 30¢; oats, No. 2 mixed, 21¢ to 22¢; rye, No. 2, 35¢ to 39¢.

Pittsburgh—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 6¢ to 66¢; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28¢ to 29¢; oats, No. 2 white, 29¢ to 31¢; rye, No. 2, 35¢ to 39¢.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 6¢ to 66¢; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28¢ to 29¢; oats, No. 2 white, 29¢ to 31¢; rye, No. 2, 35¢ to 39¢.

Toledo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 6¢ to 66¢; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28¢ to 29¢; oats, No. 2 white, 29¢ to 31¢; rye, No. 2, 35¢ to 39¢.

Memphis—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 6¢ to 66¢; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28¢ to 29¢; oats, No. 2 white, 29¢ to 31¢; rye, No. 2, 35¢ to 39¢.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 3 spring, 61¢ to 63¢; corn, No. 3, 28¢ to 30¢; oats, No. 2 white, 20¢ to 22¢; barley, No. 2, 32¢ to 33¢; rye, No. 1, 36¢ to 38¢; pork, meat, \$7.25 to \$7.75.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.25 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 6¢ to 70¢; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34¢ to 35¢; oats, No. 2 white, 24¢ to 25¢.

New York—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 6¢ to 66¢; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34¢ to 35¢; oats, No. 2 white, 24¢ to 25¢; butter, creamery, 12¢ to 16¢; eggs, West.

Death and Destruction in Iowa.

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Great Loss of Life Feared.

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BRITISHERS CAUGHT NAPPING.

Washington Correspondent.

GREAT SEED HUMBUG.

COSTLY TRASH SUPPLIED TO THE FARMERS.

Each Recipient of a Free Package Gets Two-thirds of an Ounce, Not Enough to Be Serviceable, and Uncle Sam Pays \$165,000 a Year for It.

Congressional Extravagance.

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name is Congress. There never was a better illustration of this fact than the recent controversy over the question of distributing free seeds. Secretary Morton wanted to put a stop to this ridiculous abuse, which in in the last twenty years, has cost the Government over \$2,500,000; but the Congressmen objected because they would be deprived of the privilege of scattering complimentary packages among their constituents.

The hollowness of the fraud was strikingly exhibited when, a few weeks ago, Secretary Morton proposed to furnish to each member of Congress 1,000 packages, each of which would contain one large paper of big peas or corn and fourteen papers of small seeds. This would be a total of 10,000 packages for the additional number of envelopes employed.

NOT ENOUGH to Be Serviceable.

The law prescribes that the seeds shall be of "rare and uncommon varieties."

But the Congressmen will have nothing but ordinary garden and field seeds, ranging from nasturtium and pansy to corn and peas. Each package contains five little papers of seeds, amounting in all to about two-thirds of an ounce of cabage seed, two-thirds of an ounce of cucumber seed, three-tenths of an ounce of squash seed, three-tenths of an ounce of turnip seed and less than one-tenth of an ounce of tomato seed.

This is as much as any individual gets from the much-advertised distribution of free seed by Congress. It is for this that the Government is paying out \$80,000 this year, without counting the cost of sending the packages by mail. The cost of such a package to Uncle Sam, including the envelope and printing, is 7.7¢. The actual expense of delivering it by mail is 4¢ in addition. For this expenditure the farmer receives a little gift which he could purchase at the country store for from one to three cents. In any such store will usually be found on the counter several boxes of assorted seeds, retailing at from two cents to five cents a paper. They are just as good as those furnished