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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

A locomotive on the Grand Trunk express jumped the track east of Lennoxville, Que., and the train followed. Three trainmen and four passengers were injured. The cause of the wreck is not known.

The Navigazione Generale Italiane, the largest steamship company in Italy, will establish a passenger service between Italy and the United States. The first boat will arrive at New York the latter part of February.

Fire destroyed the plants and stock of the Greer Machinery Company and the Whittle Trunk Company, in Knoxville, Tenn., causing a loss of between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Three-fourths of the loss covered by insurance.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in New Jersey by the American Radiator Company with an authorized capital of \$10,000,000. The company is empowered to manufacture and deal in radiators, boilers and other heating apparatus.

At St. Joseph, Mo., Christian Neideck was burned to death while kindling a fire. Neideck's clothes caught fire and he threw himself on a bed, which ignited. When assistance arrived his charred body was pulled from the house, which soon burned up.

The Reading Coal and Iron Company has opened a number of Pennsylvania collieries, which have been closed because of a shortage of cars. The collieries will not all run on full time and their working will depend upon the number of cars furnished by the railroad.

George Woodmaney of Toledo loaned his gun to a stranger, who said he wanted it for a neighbor, who desired to shoot rats. After getting possession of the firearm the stranger drew a bead on Woodmaney and compelled him to turn over his watch and cash.

During the progress of a colored Mardi Gras ball in St. Louis a quarrel arose between two negroes and one of them drew a revolver and fired. His intended victim dodged and the bullet struck Bedford Cunningham, an innocent bystander, inflicting a fatal wound.

Jacob Van Husen, a well-known farmer of Penfield, N. Y., was brutally murdered, being clubbed and then shot. His dead body was found lying on the floor of his home by a neighbor. Robbery was the motive for the crime, but the murderer secured only a watch and a small amount of money.

A plague panic has occurred in the southern Kolar gold fields of Mysore, India. About 2,500 coolies have bolted, and it is feared this may lead to a suspension of the work. There have been sixty cases of plague in southern Kolar and forty-five deaths from that disease have been reported.

Henry Morse, a traveling man, aged 38, was found dead from asphyxiation in his room at the Hanner House, Toledo. When he did not get up at the usual hour the clerk tried to rouse him, but let the matter drop. The man was forgotten until late in the evening, when another effort was made to arouse him, and receiving no response, the police were called.

John J. Cornelson, Louisville, Ky., died of apoplexy, aged 55 years. He became famous fifteen years ago when in Mount Sterling he horsewhipped Judge Richard Reid of that city, a member of the Superior Court of Kentucky. In less than a week Judge Reid committed suicide by shooting, being unable to bear the disgrace of the whipping.

Tolstoi condemns the Czar's proposed disarmament conference as "only worthy of contempt and derision," declaring: "It will be impossible to reduce armaments while nations not only persist in acquiring new possessions, like the Philippines, Port Arthur and the rest, but also keep what they have acquired, like Poland, India, Alsace-Lorraine and the rest."

The City Council of Wurzburg, Bavaria, the seat of a university, has just taken action, according to Commercial Agent Stern at Bamberg, through which the teeth of the poor pupils of the public schools of Wurzburg are to be examined and cared for, free of cost, provided the parents give their consent. It is also intended to treat diseases of the ear and throat in a like manner, should the teeth experiment prove successful.

NEWS NUGGETS.

Exports of breadstuffs from the United States for January aggregated \$25,620,440.

Harry Slupsky committed suicide in St. Louis by drinking himself full of old whisky.

Fred Marte, his wife and child, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Arlington flats in Chicago.

Fire destroyed the great machine shop in the Brooklyn navy yard, causing a loss to the Government of between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000.

James R. Graham, former partner in the commission business at New Haven, Conn., with the father of Mark Hanna, died at Davenport, Iowa, at the advanced age of 55 years.

At Los Angeles, Cal., Eugene Berendson, a traveling salesman for the Mammoth Pottery Company of New York, was found dead in his bed. It is thought he swallowed morphine.

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EASTERN.

The village of Forestport, N. Y., was destroyed by fire.

An explosion in a still of the Atlas oil refinery at Buffalo caused a loss of about \$25,000.

Captain James Bryant, who aided "Boss" Tweed to escape to Cuba, is dead at New York.

Plans for a gigantic silk trust, with headquarters in Paterson, N. J., are being discussed by the manufacturers.

At Pittsburg, Pa., Mrs. Agnes Neuner, 34 years of age, and her 9-month-old son were fatally burned at their home.

Dr. Robert C. Stewart was found dead in his room at Shippensburg, Pa., having been asphyxiated by illuminating gas. Two dogs in the room were also found.

Mrs. Ethan Allen, wife of Col. Ethan Allen, grandson of the revolutionary hero, died suddenly during a performance of "Loehengrin" at New York, from heart failure.

Jeremiah Dingley, of Auburn, Maine, an uncle of the late Congressman Dingley, is dead, aged 77. He was a tanner and a member of the Dingley-Fess Shoe Company.

A fire which caused a loss variously estimated from \$60,000 to \$100,000, and which threatened to destroy an entire block, started in the bag factory of Walter & Bell, New York.

The factory building of the Manhattan Brass Company in New York was destroyed by fire, together with a large quantity of valuable stock of finished material and machinery. The estimated loss is \$250,000.

The Delaware and Hudson depot, Sweeney's Hotel, the Saratoga Company's annex and Schaeffer's cafe, in Saratoga, N. Y., were burned. James V. Snyder, a night watchman, burned to death. The loss is \$60,000, partly covered by insurance.

The United States Varnish Company is being organized under the laws of New Jersey with a capital of \$18,000,000 preferred and \$18,000,000 common stock. The new company will consolidate the varnish manufacturing interests of the country.

The five-story building, 212, 214 and 216 New street, Philadelphia, occupied by a number of firms, burned. The heaviest losers were the Technic Electric Company, \$20,000; Hancher Manufacturing Company, tinware, \$15,000; American Pearl Button Company, \$10,000.

Maxey hall, one of the newest campus dormitories of Brown University, Providence, R. I., was gutted by fire. The fire started in one of the student rooms and gained great headway, owing to frozen hydrants and difficulties encountered in a foot of snow and the mercury at zero. The damage is about \$15,000.

WESTERN.

The furnishing store of Grall Brothers, Delaware, Ohio, burned, causing a loss of about \$10,000.

At Massillon, Ohio, Joseph Ford shot a dog, the bullet striking Valentine Ecker, killing him.

In a snowslide at Silver Plume twenty-four lives were lost. The dead are Italian miners with their families.

The Goodrich line Iowa reached Milwaukee after battling for nearly three days with the ice in Lake Michigan.

The business portion of the village of Pleasant Mills, Ind., was almost totally destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$10,000.

Seventeen women were burned to death in one of the cottages at the hospital for the insane, three miles north of Yankton, S. D.

By an explosion at an iron furnace in Youngstown, Ohio, Patrick Moore was instantly killed and five other employees badly hurt.

The fine residence of M. O. Neil at Akron, Ohio, was burned, entailing a loss of \$20,000. One of the firemen named Scott, was badly frozen and may not recover.

Six hundred and fifty miners employed by the Choctaw Coal Company, Indian territory, have gone out on strike. The mines of the company are practically shut down.

Mrs. Pamphilia Wolcott died at Akron, Ohio, aged 72 years. She was the widow of C. P. Wolcott and sister of Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War in Lincoln's cabinet.

At Deer Lodge, Mont., a colored convict named George Young, from the State penitentiary, was shot and killed by Guard Charles McCollom.

The Flint and Pere Marquette car ferry broke all winter navigation records by crossing Lake Michigan from Manitowoc to Ludington in twelve hours, though a field of unbroken ice.

John L. Russell and E. L. Wright were killed by black damp in the Diamondville mine, at Diamondville, Wyo. Ten others were overcome, but were rescued in time to save their lives.

At Denver, Henry P. Rhodes, ex-assistant United States district attorney, died from wounds inflicted by himself with a razor. He was 31 years old. His reason for committing suicide is unknown.

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In Webster Grove, a suburb of St. Louis, the Allen building, containing the opera house, S. Strauss' bakery, Bredell & Conkling's meat market and F. W. Farrington's general store, burned. Loss is estimated at \$35,000.

The National Steel Company, which is

to control the rolling mills of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, has been incorporated in Jersey City. It is not the \$400,000,000 trust which it was rumored was about to absorb the Federal Steel Company.

The People's Railway (Fourth street cable) of St. Louis, which has been in the hands of receiver the past two years, was sold at public auction by the sheriff. Third mortgage bondholders bid \$500,000 and secured the property, which will be reorganized.

Charles Schultz, a Toledo machinist, aged 61, quarreled with his wife and a few hours later he was found dead on a commons with the top of his skull crushed in. The coroner says the man was murdered, as no traces of blood are found beyond where he lay.

Henry P. Rhodes, a prominent young attorney of Denver, Colo., died as the result of wounds inflicted by himself. Upon hearing of his death Mrs. Olga Laverne, a young Russian widow, understood to have been Rhodes' fiancee, shot and instantly killed her 10-year-old son and then sent a bullet through her own brain. The cause of Rhodes' act is not known.

John Visocke, a Slav, was shot and almost instantly killed in a saloon and dance hall at the corner of Hill and Cross streets, Cleveland, by the saloonkeeper, John Skintyek. The killing was the result of a quarrel over a liquor bill, which it is alleged Visocke owed the saloon-keeper. Skintyek disappeared from the place before the arrival of the police, but was captured.

JOHN V. SAYER.

At Rippon, W. Va., William Dunn and George Ashby fought a duel with knives.

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A triple lynching took place near Leesburg, Ga. The three victims are George Fort, George Bivins and Bill Holt, who were accused of attacking a woman. Cupid Redding, the principal in the crime, is in hiding somewhere, guarded by officers.

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