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RENSSLAER, INDIANA.

WOUNDS A PRISONER.

FIERCE BATTLE IN AN IDAHO JAIL.

Condemned Murderer Fatally Stabbed and Shot by a Deputy Sheriff—Martial Law Proclaimed in Puerto Rico—Americans Are in Danger.

Frustrated a Jail Breaker.

H. C. St. Clair was stabbed and shot by Deputy Sheriff McQuillen in the Idaho City, Idaho, jail. St. Clair is under sentence of death for the murder of John Decker, a Spokane mining man. His case is now on appeal to the Supreme Court. St. Clair had been a good prisoner. He had given the jail authorities but little trouble. But he has been quite nervous of late. Nothing wrong, however, was suspected. A few days ago he succeeded in sawing through the iron bars of his cell. He got into the main corridor of the jail. No one was about and the prisoner went into the sheriff's office and armed himself with shotgun and a revolver. As he came out of the door he met McQuillen. St. Clair fired both barrels at the deputy, but they missed. Then he tried his revolver, but that was knocked from his hand. Then the two men had a long and desperate struggle. McQuillen was the stronger and got his prisoner down. Then he drew his knife and plunged it several times into St. Clair. Finally he reached for the pistol which had been knocked to the floor and fired. St. Clair was taken back to his cell and the surgeon summoned. McQuillen was unharmed.

Killed in a Street Fight.

News of a desperate street battle at Lone Oak, Ark., has reached Little Rock. W. K. Booe and two sons, Will and Charles, are dead, and the three Eagle brothers are in jail charged with murder. Bob Dougherty, a brother-in-law of the Eagles, was also implicated and is under arrest. The Eagles, who are nephews of ex-Gov. Eagle, and the Booes have not been on good terms for years, and on more than one occasion different members of the two factions have come together. About ten days ago some one fired on Charlie Boole from ambush while he was standing in front of a store at England. He was slightly wounded. W. K. Boole was a member of the Legislature in 1887 and his family is one of the oldest in that section of the State. The Eagles are well known in Lone Oak County. Their relatives have for many years dominated local politics, and it is understood that the misunderstanding dates from a political clash between some of the Eagles and Booes.

Race for the Pennant.

Following in the standing of the clubs in the National Base-ball League:

W. L.	W. L.
Chicago ... 5	1 Pittsburgh ... 3 4
Baltimore ... 5	1 Boston ... 3 4
Cincinnati ... 4	2 Washington ... 2 4
Philadelphia ... 4	2 New York ... 2 5
Cleveland ... 5	2 Louisville ... 2 7
Brooklyn ... 3	3 St. Louis ... 1 4

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

W. L.	W. L.
Columbus ... 3	0 Milwaukee ... 1 3
Kansas City ... 3	0 Minneapolis ... 1 3
Indianapolis ... 3	1 Omaha ... 1 4
St. Paul ... 3	1 Detroit ... 0 3

Puerto Rico May Revolt.

According to the latest advices from Puerto Rico, the agitation there is increasing and food prices are rising fast. The authorities have taken steps to prevent the departure of refugees. At Mayaguez, seventy miles southwest of San Juan, there is talk of a revolution. Refugees from Puerto Rico who reached the island of St. Thomas by a schooner report that the condition of the island is critical. Martial law has been proclaimed and Americans there are in danger, as they are without protection. United States Consul Van Horn at St. Thomas has bought 1,500 tons of coal for the United States Government, and he is negotiating for more.

BREVITIES.

Frank Wade, palmist and astrologer, has been arrested at Toledo, Ohio, charged with swindling.

Col. Sir Vivian Deering Majendie, C. B., her majesty's chief inspector of explosives since 1881, died in London.

Thomas Compton, a farmer of Jefferson County, Tenn., became suddenly insane over war talk and killed himself by shooting.

A cablegram from London says that Mr. Gladstone may not survive longer than sixty days. That is the opinion of his physicians after having carefully diagnosed his condition.

A tremendous fire broke out in the Clydeside district of Glasgow, Scotland. Several large buildings were involved, including the magnificent Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Andrew's. The damage amounts to £150,000 (\$750,000).

The report that the war with Spain will cause a postponement of the trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha is utterly without foundation. The work vigorously proceeds and everything will be ready for the opening day, June 1.

W. B. McBride, representing a Chicago brewing company, has obtained an option on a large plot of ground in Nashville, Tenn., on which he says his company proposes to erect one of the largest breweries in the country. Mr. McBride says the scheme embraces in addition to the brewery an eight-story steel-constructed hotel and forty saloons located in different parts of the city.

William R. Gratz of New York has offered a prize of \$100 to the man who first plants the Stars and Stripes on Cuban soil.

It is announced on credible authority from Santiago de Chile that Chile and Bolivia have arranged satisfactorily the questions pending between them, and that the protocol will be signed in a few days.

At Tacoma, Wash., President Cole of the Shingle Manufacturers' Association has ordered 200 shingle mills, now cutting 15,000,000 shingles daily, to be closed until the permanent effect of the war in the shingle business can be ascertained.

EASTERN.

The twenty-round bout at Troy, N. Y., between Steve O'Donnell and Conroy resulted in a victory for Conroy on a foul in the seventeenth round.

Two Italian laborers were instantly killed and another seriously injured at Fondas Basin, six miles east of Schenectady, N. Y., by the breaking of a derrick beam while it was in use lifting stone.

The new Pennsylvania capital commission awarded the contract for the erection of the new building to Allen B. Rorke of Philadelphia for \$325,000. There were five other bidders. The sum appropriated by the Legislature for the new building was \$550,000.

George Parsons Lathrop, essayist and novelist, of New London, Conn., died at Roosevelt Hospital, New York. Mr. Lathrop was received at the hospital suffering from a complication of diseases. His case was not considered at all desperate, but his temperature rose suddenly, and died before there was time to summon his wife to his bedside.

To while away the time during a lull over at the Consolidated Traction Company's Craig street barn in Pittsburgh, Pa., Motorman R. J. Brooks and his conductor, Martin Flaherty, "put on the gloves." Brooks was the better boxer and struck Flaherty many blows in quick succession. Suddenly Brooks called time, and, throwing up his hands, fell back dead. He had died from heart disease caused by the excitement and exertion.

At the meeting of the home mission board of the Reformed Church at New Kensington, Pa., the Rev. Paul Somerlotte, harbor missionary at New York, charged that the immigrant inspectors and hotelkeepers in New York were in a combination to bleed immigrants and that they had robbed them of thousands of dollars. Mr. Somerlotte says the eating and lodging house privileges for the entertainment of immigrants are let by Government officials to certain parties by contract. He alleges that by an arrangement between certain hotel keepers and some of the immigrant inspectors any immigrant who has money is detained on various pretexts by the inspectors and is kept at one of the immigrant hotels and is held as long as his money lasts. When his last dollar is gone he is turned out; if he makes a fuss he is promptly picked up as a pauper immigrant and sent back to the old country. Mr. Somerlotte says there are hundreds of such cases. The board appointed S. B. Yockey of Columbus, O.; J. J. Lebeau of Louisville, O., and C. M. Bouss of Meadville, Pa., a committee to investigate the charges.

In Boston, Mass., lovers of liberty in thousands did homage to patriots' day, the observance of the State holiday being general. The ceremonies began at midnight, when Sexton James J. Ruddy and George Wilson, the actor, hung out the two lanterns from the belfry of the North Church, and then, at Mr. Wilson's request, they went to Charlestown and took a look back at the twin lights. At sunrise the North Church chimes ushered in the day with patriotic airs and in the forenoon the Daughters of the Revolution held services in the church commemorating of Paul Revere's famous ride. During the afternoon there were numerous meetings of patriotic societies, the largest attended being that of the Sons of the American Revolution, at which Bishop William Lawrence and Major Josiah Quincy made rousing patriotic speeches bearing on the Spanish-American crisis. Another feature of the afternoon observance was the exercises at the grave of Paul Revere, where flowers were placed in abundance by Paul Revere Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution. The old historic town of Lexington was in holiday garb and held thousands of visitors. At Concord, in addition to the firing of a salute and the ringing of bells, a public meeting was held in First Parish Church, with addresses by Charles H. Walcott, Thomas J. Gargan and Alfred S. Roe. The town of Arlington, formerly the old revolutionary town of Menotomy, likewise commemorated with appropriate exercises the anniversary of the events of April 19, 1775.

WESTERN.

At Portsmouth, Ohio, the Tenth district Republican congressional convention, after one of the most remarkable political contests on record, nominated Stephen J. Morgan of Jackson County on the 1,477th ballot.

The Ohio Legislature has given trial to the option of saying whether a first-degree murderer should be electrocuted or imprisoned for life. Pardoning power is operative only on proof of innocence beyond reasonable doubt.

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They are the sundry civil bills, carrying a large amount of money to be used in strengthening the coast defenses; the naval appropriation bill, and a joint resolution giving the President power to prevent the exportation of coal and other war material.

FOREIGN.

The correspondent of the London Times has been expelled from Havana.

British authorities at Kingston, Jamaica, are buying every ton of coal they can.

A revolution has broken out in Porto Rico and rioting is reported all through the island.

The Whitwick colliery, in Leicestershire, England, is on fire. It is believed that forty-one lives have been lost.

The peace negotiations between Nicaragua and Costa Rica have failed. War is probable. The two armies are facing each other near the frontier, scarcely half a mile apart. The Nicaraguan officers and troops, it is reported, are anxious that President Zelaya should lead them. Business is at a complete standstill.

The United States torpedo boat Somers, purchased for the American Government in Germany, which has twice had to make port while on her voyage to the United States, collided with the steamer at the entrance of the dock at Falmouth, England, in which she was being placed for repairs, defects in her machinery having made her leak in several places. As a result of the accident the stem of the Somers was smashed.

IN GENERAL.

Regiments of the regular army are being hurried to convenient points in the South for transport to Cuba.

The Queen Regent opened the Spanish Cortes with a speech blaming the United States for existing conditions and appealing to the patriotism of her people. The war spirit seems strong in Spain.

According to the statement of M. B. Hall of Spokane, a Klondiker, who arrived on the steamer Utopia from Skagway, and his party of four men brought out gold dust and drafts amounting to \$200,000.

At Vienna, a decree has been published forbidding importation of American fresh fruit, plants, fresh fruit refuse, fruit wrappers and fruit packings, etc., in cases where the examination at the port of entry results in the discovery of traces of the San Jose louse.

The complete failure of the Alaskan reindeer expedition has been announced to the War Department at Washington in a telegram from Brigadier General Merriam, commanding the military department of the Columbia. This telegram summarizes a report from Dr. Sheldon Jackson at Dyea, to the effect that reindeer are a failure in Alaska for want of proper forage and useless for all the exploring expeditions in Alaska. Many are already dead.

Charles W. Walker, third mate of the steam whaler Orea, has arrived at Seattle, Wash., after one of the most remarkable trips on record. He left Point Barrow, Alaska, the first of last November with two Indians and a dog team and followed the shore line of the Arctic ocean to the mouth of the Mackenzie river, which he ascended, coming into civilization at Edmonton. Mr. Walker brings an appeal from the captain of the whaler at Point Barrow to the Pacific Coast Steam Whaling Company to use every effort to get supplies to them by the 1st of July. They knew nothing of the Government relief expedition now on its way. There are, Mr. Walker says, 180 people at Point Barrow, who, by living on short rations, will have enough supplies to last them until the 1st of July. The whalers east of Point Barrow are in better circumstances. Besides having plenty of provisions, they have a large stock at Herschel Island to draw on. Mr. Walker confirms the report of the loss of the Orea and the burning of the Freeman. All the vessels east of Point Barrow are safely anchored. The Fearless and Newport are situated ninety-five miles east of Point Barrow, off Tonineet point. The tender Genie is further east at Pitt point. The Belvidere is at Seal Horse rapids. The Norwah, Bluis, Grampus and Bealong are at Bailey Island. From the mouth of the Mackenzie river to Edmonton Mr. Walker's trip was without accident; incident, but he had a very hard trip from Point Barrow to the mouth of the river. Owing to the scarcity of provisions at Point Barrow, he started out with but a small amount, trusting to the chance of killing sufficient meat on the road. For three days previous to reaching Herschel Island he was practically without food.

SOUTHERN.

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WASHINGTON.

The House has passed the army bill presented at the request of the administration. There was no division and action was unusually expeditious.

Senator Edward C. Walthall of Mississippi died at Washington, D. C. With the exception of fourteen months, he has been in the United States Senate since March 12, 1885.

The conferees of the two houses of Congress on the volunteer army bill have reached an agreement. The report was therefore agreed to and sent to the President for his signature.

Secretary of the Navy Long has given Commodore J. A. Howell command of the "patrol squadron" which will be formed to guard Asiatic seaports. The fleet will consist of the cruiser San Francisco and the auxiliary cruisers Yosemite, Prairie, Yankee and Dixie.

The Senate has passed three important measures relating to the national defense.

MULES FROM THE MINES.

Antics of Those that Are Brought Up to Daylight.

The superintendent of the Sweet Springs mine undertook a thorough renovation of the mine the day after the miners went out on the strike, and the first step preparatory to a general cleaning up was to remove the mules from the underground stables and put them out on pasture.

Some of them had not been out of the mine for months, a number had been below the surface for two or three years, and one had not seen the sun shine for seven years—as long as Jacob served for Leah.

They were led from the mine, twenty-seven patient creatures, and turned loose in Morrison's pasture field. They stood about close together, knee-deep in the lush, green grass and sweet red clover, with drooping heads and eyes half closed, as though dazed by their sudden change of circumstances.

At last as the sun dropped down behind Bowman's hill one gray old veteran threw up his head and sniffed at the fine, fragrant air blowing down the valley, and in a moment a little movement went through the whole group.

The old leader wheeled about sharply, took a long look at the clear sky above, the brawling little brook chattering over the stones, the grass and the trees, then he threw up his head, stiffened his tail and set forth a prolonged, penetrating, strident haw-haw, which woke the echoes over on Maple ridge, and with an awkward lumbering bound he started down the long slope.

In an instant the whole mass had separated and was in motion. Such running, racing, kicking and jumping were never before seen. Stiff knees, dim eyes and spavined joints were all forgotten in the pure enjoyment of out of doors. They brayed and bellowed, ran and kicked, stopped for breath, then began again.

The whole village gathered at the fence to see the fun. The men and boys laughed and shouted, the babies crowded and one or two women cried a little, for there were sores and lameness and weakness in plenty.

When night fell they were still rolling about and racing, forgetful of the hunger and thirst that might be satisfied by the running stream and the grass.

Old Mrs. Bascom, who lives at the edge of the pasture field, was wakened in the dark hours toward morning by the rapid rush of hoofs thundering down the hillside, and turning over on her pillow she murmured drowsily:

"Dear Lord, who would a thought that any livin' critter would be so glad and thankful for nothin' but air and freedom!"—New Lexington Tribune.

Unruly Sled Dogs.

Carlo, a big retriever, opened the ball by killing one of the Ostiak dogs. He swaggered about among the pack, and exhibited all the supposed characteristics of the British