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SCOTCH-IRISH CONGRESS.

Preparations for a Great Gathering at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, May 26.-The second congress of the Scotch-Irish society of America is to be held in this city on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 29, 30 and 31, and very extensive prep-arations have been made for the occasion, which it is expected will bring together one of the most notable gatherings of public men ever held in America.

The place of meeting will be the Grand Auditorium, which has a seating capacity of 5,000, and which is to be magnificently fitted up for the sessions. Arcently fitted up for the sessions. Arrangements for extra trains and excursions have been made with the several railroads centering here which are expected to bring a vast assemblage of descendants of the Scotch-Irish stock.

Mr. Robert Bonner, of New York, president of the society, will preside over the organization of the congress. Governor Beaver will make the address of welcome in behalf of the state of

of welcome in behalf of the state of of welcome in behalf of the state of Pennsylvania. Addresses are expected from President Bonner; Rev. Dr. John Hall, of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York; Congressman W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Kentucky; Governor James E. Campbell, of Ohio; Rev. Dr. McIntosh, of Philadelphia; ex-Congressman William E. Robinson, of New York; Professor Perry, of Williams college; Rev. Dr. D. C. Kelly, of Tennessee; Professor White, of Washington and Lee university, and Congressman Lee university, and Congressman Dalzell, of this city, and it is hoped that President Harrison and Mr. Blaine will also be here and speak.

Sessions of the congress will occupy the forenoons and evenings of the days named, while the afternoons will be desights and celebrates of the city and its vicinity. There is to be on Sunday evening, after the adjournment of the congress, an old fashioned Scotch-Irish religious service in one of the large public halls, when Dr. John Hall will speak. On Monday, June 2, President Bonner and his guests will make an excursion to Franklin, Pa., to inspect a famous stock farm, making the trip in the private car of the president of the Allegheny railroad.

SHELLENBERGER'S SENTENCE.

Twenty-two Years' Solitary Confinement-He Breaks Down,

Doylestown, Pa., May 23.—Broken hearted and dejected, J. Monroe Shel-lenberger, embezzler and forger, walked into the Bucks county court room to plead guilty to seventeen bills of indict-

Mr. Stout took up one after another the bills of indictment against Shellen-berger which the grand jury found to be true. They numbered seventeen, all told, and covered the crimes of forgery

As the district attorney called them out loud groans and sobs came from the dock, Shellenberger at times acted like a mad man. He opened his handerchief and threw it over his head, rubbing his head and face with it and nervously shook the railing of the dock with his shook the raining of the dock with his hand and foot. Eventually he leaned his head forward on the rail and buried it in his arms, rocking himself on the seat like a person suffering from acute pain, and at times quivering all over like a man in a convulsion.

After the court decided that sufficient testimony had been heard to give an

testimony had been heard to give an idea of the grade of the crime, the judge drew himself up and addressed himself to the prisoner in a low, husky voice, in which there seemed a slight tremor of emotion. Shellenberger never raised his head, but went on groaning and

weeping violently.

Finally the words dropped from the judge's lips, "twenty-two years at solitary confinement with hard labor." Shellenberger gave a groan of anguish that was more like a shriek, and almost sank to the floor. The scene caused quite a commotion. The blow seemed to stun the prisoner. It was necessary to partly carry him from the

Lost His Life in the Lottery. GREENSEURG, Pa., May 26.—Keyner Kemmerling, aged 50, the superintendent of the pattern department of the Kelly & Jones steel plant here, in a fit of despondency cut his throat from ear to ear with a razor. He lived five hours after he committed the deed. Kemmerling was a native of Oswego, N. Y., and came here about eight months ago. and came here about eight mouths ago. He was a regular patron of the Louisiana lottery, spending nearly all his money in the scheme. He grew melancholy over his constant losses. He never drew a penny. He would look forward to the day of the drawing each month with great anxiety. It is the belief of his companions that his losses unbalanced his round.

Leaving the Reformed Church. ALLENTOWN, Pa., May 26 .- A sensasation has been created in church circles here by the withdrawal of three promi-nent ministers of the Reformed church, within four days of each other, from the fold of that communion in order to connect themselves with the Protestant Episcopal church. The Reformed denomination is greatly in the ascendant in this part of Pennsylvania. Rev. W. M. Christman started the movement and was followed by Rev. James Werner and Rev. E. A. Gernent.

A Swindler Eludes the Law. LANCASTER, Pa., May 26.—Isaac Miller, a Russian, doing business in Wrightsville for a short time, fled from Lancaster officers. He is charged by Philadelphia merchants with false pretense and larceny as bailee. The amount of his fraudulent transactions may reach \$4,000. Isaac saw the officers on his track and escaped out of a rear window. He has not been apprehended.

Food for Sportsmen. MEADEVILLE, Pa., May 24.—One hundred thousand Susquehanna salmon fry were turned loose in Conneaut lake this

A DISASTROUS STORM

Lightning and Dynamite Conspire to Wreck an Ohio Town.

TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS INJURED.

Lightning Fires a Business Building and Explodes a Fifty Pound Can of Dynamite-Two Men Killed and Horribly Mangled-Rain Extinguishes the Fire.

Mansfield, O., May 26.—A powerful rain storm passed over this (Richland) county, accompanied with lightning and thunder. During the continuance of the storm lightning struck the John Charles block, in Lucas, six miles east of this city. The block was occupied by a hardware and general merchandise

The block took fire from the stroke and was entirely consumed, together with two dwellings adjoining. There is no fire apparatus in the village and the citizens turned out with buckets, but could do nothing toward extinguishing the flames. When they saw they could do nothing their efforts were directed toward saving the contents of the build-

An Explosion.

While removing goods, about fifty pounds of dynamite which was kept in store exploded with disastrous effect. The bodies of John Smith and Jere Jones were horribly mangled and mutilated beyond recognition. lated beyond recognition.

About twenty-five persons in all were

more or less injured.

The killed are: John Smith, aged about 54, leaves wife and family; Jeremiah Jones, aged 50, leaves wife and family. Seriously injured: Joseph Hanna, bad-ly cut on forehead, hands and legs; F.R. Russell, severe cut over left eye; John Gallagher, leg severely bruised falling from ladder; F. Myers, badly hurt, struck

by flying bricks. Of the remaining persons injured none are considered seriously hurt. Physicians were quickly summoned who attended the injured

Heard for Five Miles. The report of the explosion was heard five miles distant and the shock was so great that nearly all the windows in the

village were broken The fire department of this city was called upon for assistance and the fire apparatus was put on a special train, but before they could start word reached them that the fire was under control. Rain came down in torrents, which put the fire out, otherwise half of the town would be in ruins. The loss is es-timated at \$50,000 to \$80,000.

KEMMLER MUST DIE.

The United States Supreme Court Indorses Electrocution.

Washington, May 24.-By a decision of the supreme court of the United States the last hope for life afforded William Kemmler, the New York murderer under sentence of death by elec tricity, was banished, and he will ac cordingly be executed in conformity with the new law governing executions in New York state.

the application for a writ of error. Chief Justice Fuller read the decision in full. He reviewed the case and severally went over the points made by Kemmler's counsel, and ended by stat-ing that the court had no hesitation in saying that they could not, on the record as presented, reverse the decision of the New York court of appeals.

The court could not perceive that the state abridged Kemmler's privileges, or deprived him of due process of law.

Very Sharp Swindlers.

PHILADELPHIA, May 24.—With the lapse of time and the developments from day to day in regard to the modus operandi by which the American Life Insurance company and the Bank of America were wrecked, the lawyers interested for the shorn victims are looking in vain for the evidence necessary to instify a criminal action against the justify a criminal action against the principals. One lawyer who represents a number of depositors said that not an admission had been made on which criminal action could be sustained against one of the officials of the sus-pended bank. He declared that the bank officials kept within the pale of the law in loaning large sums of money to Clerks Ewbanks, Boileau and Yerkes on the stock of the American Financial association, and that the clerks cannot be held for the amounts.

Struck by Lightning While Praying Berlin, May 23.—While the people of the village of St. Mahlen, near Hildesheim, Hanover, were assembled in the church whither they had repaired to pray for the cessation of the hail storms which have of late prevailed in that locality with damaging effect the building was struck by lightning. Four persons were instantly killed, twenty were seriously injured and four were permanently blinded by the flash. The congregation were in an attitude of prayer at the time the bolt fell. In the ensuing rush for the doors, the people being wild with fright, two children were crushed to death.

Attempted to Dethrone the Speaker. FRANKFORD, Ky., May 26 .- The legis-FRANKFORD, Ky., May 26.—The legislative proceedings in the Kentucky house were marked by the disgraceful conduct of Representative Cooper, who during the debate on the general school bill attempted to drag Speaker pro tem. Cox from the speaker's chair. Members yelied to the sergeant-at-arms to throw Cooper out. After a scrimmage Tyler restored order, Cooper will be arraigned before the house and either be censured or expelled.

Wiped Out by a Strike. Wiped Out by a Strike.

FORT DODGE, Ia., May 26.—The little town of Kalo, south of here, has been wiped out by a miners' strike. A month ago Kalo was a prosperous mining town of 500 inhabitants, today not a dozen houses are occupied. On May 11 all the coal miners struck for higher wages, the mine owners refused the demand and shut down the mines. Without work the miners were compelled to move, many of them going to Montana, others to Dawson, Ia., and more to this city.

were turned loose in Conneaut lake this week. They were from the Eric hatchery, and were placed in their new home by Col. D. S. Richmond, F. B. Shryock and John Reynolds. This makes the big end of 1,000,000 fish, including Susquehanna salmon, salmon trout and black bass, which have been placed in Conneaut lake.

Can't Tax Sleeping Cars.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 26.—The United States circuit court, Judges Pardee and Newman presiding, granted a perpetual injunction restraining tomptroller general of Georgia from conjecting a tax ander the Georgia act of 1886 assessing tax on sleeping and palace cars doing business in Georgia, the act being declared unconstitutional,

CONGRESSIONAL RESUME.

Labors of the National Legislators at Washington.

Washington. May 22.—The house passed the McKinley tariff bill by a vote of 184 to 142, two Republicans voting against the bill. In the senate the resignation of Mr. Canday, sergeant-at-arms, was received. In discussing the silver bill Mr. Farwell said the Republican national platform (which he helped to construct) favored silver money at helped to construct) favored silver money at the market price of silver. The liquor bill

was also discussed at length.

Washington, May 23.—After unimportant business the house went into committee of the whole on the river and barbor bill. The bill calls for \$29,82,000, based on estimates aggregating \$39,52,000. Mr. Blanchard, of Louisiana, advocated liberal appropriations for levees on the lower Mississippi. Mr. Catching urged that improvement of the river would furnish greater relief to the

river would furnish greater relief to the western farmers than anything else that congress could do. Mr. Kerr, of Iowa, attacked the bill, which was defended by Mr. Grosvenor and others.

Mr. Daniel addressed the senate at length on the silver bill. The credentials of Calvin 8. Brice as senator from Ohlo were presented. Washington, May 24.—All the items on the river and harbor bill relating to improvements in eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, were adopted in the house. and Delaware, were adopted in the house. The item of \$200,000 for removing Smith's Island was amended so that the money will be expended in accordance with the act of

The silver bill was laid aside in the senate and a number of bills of minor importance passed. The tariff bill was received from the house and referred to the committee on

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The senate agreed to take up the liquor bill on Tuesday and con-tinue its consideration until disposed of. John G. Carlisle's credentials as senator from Ken-

G. Carlisle's credentials as senator from Kentucky were presented. The naval appropriation bill was discussed at length.

The house continued consideration of the river and harbor bill. The appropriation for the Hennepin canal was carried by a vote of 122 to 50. Eulogies were pronounced upon the late Representative Wilbur, of New York.

Washington, May 27.—The house elected Mr. Burrows, of Michigon, speaker pro tem. in the absence of Mr. Reed. Several District of Columbia bills were passed.

Mr. Plumb offered in the senate a resolution instructing the finance committee to

tion instructing the finance committee to prepare and report (in connection with the tariff bill) a statement showing the duties levied under existing law, the duties as they would be under the house bill, and the dutie under the bill to be reported by the commit tee. The resolution was amended by making it apply also to reductions of duties and was agreed to. The naval appropriation bill was passed after prolonged debate. Mr. Carlisle was sworn in as senator from Kentucky.

ANARCHISTS AGAIN AT WORK Attempt to Blow Up the Chicago Haymarket Monument.

CHICAGO, May 26.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to blow up the Haymarket monument, erected in memory of the policemen who were killed by the bomb thrown May 4, 1886. The failure of the plans was due solely to the heavy rainfall. The discovery of the plot was made by Officer Slinger, of the Desplaines street station. His attention was attracted to a bundle which was was attracted to a bundle which was lying on the west face of the base of the monment. He unwrapped the articles, which were apparently two old dresses and found within a jour quari can. From one end of the tin pro-truded a large fulminating cap and from

the fuse was out. He next looked at the stone base and saw the mark of burned powder extend-ing about three feet, which marked the original length of the fuse. Slinger carried the can to the Desplaines street station, but half a block away, and turned it over to Capt. Hayes. An examina-tion was commenced. The can was found to contain ten pounds of dyna-mite, enough to have blown the monument to atoms and destroy half the

buildings within a radius of a square.

It is believed that the explosive was placed on the monument during the darkness preceding the storm, and that the rain coming up immediately it was extinguished.

extinguished.

Beside the can lay several pieces of string, which crumbled at the touch. It was the fuse. It had apparently been soaked in kerosene. The powder had been hyprodecored. been burned out.

Severe Earthquake in York State. GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., May 28 .- At 7 o'clock Sunday morning the city was visited with a severe shock of earth quake. Large buildings were shaken, people were thrown out of chairs and out of bed and glass was shattered. The earthquake was preceded by a loud rumbling sound. At the same moment the fire bells rang out and the whole city turned out, the excitement being in-tense. A small dwelling was burned. Later in the morning, before the ex-citement had hardly subsided, the fire bells again gave the alarm and a large brick building in the rear of the Opera house was discovered to be in flames. It was entirely destroyed. Another shock of earthquake was felt about noon.

Eight Pleasure Seekers Drowned. Fall River, Mass., May 26.—A small boat containing a party of pleasure seekers was capsized in the rough water in the bay yesterday, and eight persons were drowned. The names are: Samuel Wittles, aged 50; Mrs. Wittles, aged 45; Henry Wittles, aged 10; Samuel Wittles, Jr., aged 12; Levina Buckley, aged 35, Frederick Buckley, aged 3; Willie Buckley, aged 8; Willie Turner, aged 8. The accident was caused by the inexperience of the men who were rowing the boat. Only one of the party could swim and he succeeded in saving one of his companions besides himself. FALL RIVER, Mass., May 26.-A small

Original Packages in Pennsylvania. Leechburg, Pa., May 26.—A carload of beer was delivered to Mr. Silverman in this place at 5 p. m. Saturday, who immediately began to dispose of it in "original packages." By 6 o'clock all but seven kegs were disposed of. Suit will be brought against Silverman immediately for violation of the Brooks law. The latter says he will give bail or go to ail, and if it is decided his business is legal will sue for damages. The seven kegs that were not sold here were taken to Apollo, where they were quickly dis

Died in His Chains. GREENSORO, N. C., May 26.—Jay Hill, the terror of the neighborhood and an idiot from his birth, died near Trin ity college. He was 70 years old. For fifty years he had been chained to the floor of the house in which he died. He was a monstrosity, his head resembling a lion's more than that of a human being.

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can. From one end of the tin protruded a large fulminating cap and from this extended three inches of a fuse. The officer grabbed the fuse and pulled it out of the cap. He made sure that

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