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CENTRE HALL, PA., THURSDAY, DEC. 3

CHILE IS DEFIANT.

President Montt Opposed to an Apology to the United States. VALPARAISO, Dec. 1.—The United Press correspondent is informed of the authority of an official holding high place in Santiago that the Chilean government has no intention whatever of offering an apology or indemnity, such as the American president requested, and has no intention of recalling or modifying the reply given to the American request, and that any expectation that President Montt would in this respect modify the policy adopted by the junta was misleading.

The president himself, it is said, was the most earnest advocate in the junta of a defiant resort to the United States, and virtually dictated the answers sent to Minister Egan. Montt has not changed his views since he exchanged the office of chief of the junta for that of president, and Chile is silent now because there is nothing to be said. Meantime, although President Montt has recommended a cutting down of the army and navy, no steps have been taken to carry out the resolution, and even the volunteers sent back to their homes in the north were told to retain their arms.

Colonel Smith Dismissed the Service.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—After a week's consideration General Snowden has approved the finding of the court martial on Colonel William B. Smith, of the Third regiment. The verdict of the court martial is adverse to Colonel Smith. The verdict of the court is practically a dishonorable discharge from the National Guard, but the finding is based only on technical military irregularities. The criminal charges, such as embezzlement and forgeries, have been ignored, and the colonel has been fully acquitted on all of them.

National Committeeman HARRY.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—Secretary of the Commonwealth Harry will be elected a member of the Democratic national committee this week to succeed Hon. William L. Scott, deceased. The state committee, which is made up of the chairmen of the county committees and of representatives where a county contains more than one senatorial district, will be called together some time during the present week, probably on Thursday next. The meeting will be for that purpose only, and will be held in Harrisburg.

Not His Charlie.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—Christian K. Ross, father of the missing Charlie Ross, was seen in reference to the story telegraphed from Cortland, N. Y., that his boy had lived there as the adopted son of G. Henry Stratton, who killed himself recently in an endeavor to emulate Succi's fast. Mr. Ross said: "I investigated the matter some years ago and found there was nothing in it. I am almost in daily receipt of letters from people all over the country who think they have discovered my boy."

Brutally Beaten by Toughs.

READING, Pa., Dec. 1.—John Bauman, a German, residing at the corner of Butternut and Locust streets, is lying in a critical condition, the result of a terrible beating which he received on Sunday at the hands of several ruffians. He was found helpless and insensible on the pavement near his residence, with both eyes closed, his jaws broken, and his body a mass of contusions and bruises. William Noll and Jacob Kerns are under arrest on the charge of having been his assailants.

A Fearful Drunken "Accident."

GREENSBURG, Pa., Nov. 28.—At Blairville a young man named Repine and Scott Spier went hunting. While returning home Spier's gun was discharged and the load of buckshot entered Repine's head at the base of the brain. The entire top of his head was torn off. He expired instantly. Spier, in a beastly state of intoxication, wandered home and did not know of the shooting until summoned before the coroner's jury, which rendered a verdict of accidental shooting.

Died from His Injuries.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 30.—William Nipsch, shot in the back and beaten over the head with an ax and heavy billet of wood, by William Koch, on the afternoon of Nov. 18, at the time Koch killed Mrs. Nipsch, died on Saturday, so the murderer must answer for two deaths. Nipsch had a frightful wound in the back, and the bullet had survived so long. He showed signs of vitality for a man of 73, and at times it was thought he would recover. His funeral will take place tomorrow.

Dynamite in the Fire.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Nov. 28.—Michael Spontie was fatally injured at his home in Coal Run. He put a piece of dynamite in the fire, and a moment later a terrible explosion occurred, the stove being blown to pieces. Several pieces of the flying missiles struck the children, although Spontie received the most severe injuries. His right arm was fearfully shattered, and will have to be amputated, while his face and hands were burned.

Only the Horse Escaped.

CHESTER, Pa., Nov. 28.—A grocery wagon driven by T. P. Pitt was struck by a Baltimore and Ohio express train at Potter street crossing last evening, and Pitt was badly injured. Two boys, who were riding in the wagon, were fatally hurt. One of them, John Mansley, aged 9, died shortly afterwards. John Kennedy, the other boy, is not expected to recover. The wagon was ground to kindling wood, but the horse escaped uninjured.

Charged With Embezzlement.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 30.—James G. Wyman, mayor of Allegheny, was arrested Saturday night, charged with embezzling funds of the city. He gave bail in the sum of \$2,000 for a hearing next Friday. Four informations were made against him before Alderman McMahers of this city. The total amount of the alleged embezzlement is \$3,000.

Fatally Burned by Mine Gas.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 1.—Thomas Williams, John Pugh and Evan Price, miners, were fearfully burned by an explosion of gas in the colliery of the Kingston Coal company. Pugh and Price will die.

NET INSTANT DEATH

Mysterious and Fatal Explosion in an English Town.

OVER THIRTY PEOPLE KILLED.

Guests of a Hotel Buried in the Ruins and Crushed or Burned to Death—Three Buildings Blows to Atoms—Some Miraculous Escapes. Heroic Attempts at Rescue.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—A most mysterious explosion occurred at Blackburn, a city of 100,000 population, thirty miles from Manchester, and three buildings were blown to atoms. The streets in the vicinity of the explosion were full of people, when suddenly, and without a moment's warning, the earth shook, there was a tremendous report, and the air was filled with flying bricks, timbers, broken glass and all manner of debris. The houses which were destroyed were in the Blackburn market, naturally one of the most frequented parts of the town, and the scene which followed was indescribable. The people were wild with fear and ran in terror from the market place. Many of those who ran away had been struck by the flying debris, and with blood pouring from their wounds they added to the terror of the people.

Buried Under the Walls.

The Crown hotel and two stores on Victoria street collapsed immediately after the explosion. From the ruins of the hotel the most heartrending cries issued. The entire building tumbled in upon those unfortunates who were in the building. There were, according to report, at least twenty people buried in the ruins of the hotel, while over a dozen are said to have met death in the ruins of the two stores.

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FIFTY YEARS A BISHOP.

Elaborate Celebration of Bishop Kenrick's Golden Jubilee.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1.—With all the pomp and ceremony that characterizes the observance of important events by the Roman Catholic church the venerable Peter Richard Kenrick, archbishop of St. Louis, is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his episcopate.

Following the elaborate services of Sunday, pontifical high mass was celebrated in the old cathedral yesterday. Cardinal Gibbons was the celebrant of the mass, and Archbishop Ryan the preacher of the day. Admission to the edifice was by ticket, and the structure was packed to the most remote nook and corner by representative men. Hundreds of priests representing nearly a dozen dioceses, and robed in full vestments, occupied seats in the sanctuary. The gathering of eminent Roman Catholics was larger than at any time since the third plenary council of Baltimore. In the afternoon there was a banquet at the archbishop's residence. Covers were laid for 500. Cardinal Gibbons presided, and only clergymen participated. Six toasts were responded to by Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Corrigan, Bishop Hennessy, Father Grimmelmann, Vicar General Brady and Father Collier of St. Peter and St. Paul's church.

Last night there was an enormous torchlight procession through the principal streets of the city. Every one of the numerous Catholic societies in St. Louis turned out in force, and there were delegations in line from every county in the State, together with a great many from other states. The exercises are continued today.

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