

THE NEWS.

Robbers tortured J. N. Bolles, a Palashi, Tenn., farmer, until he delivered one thousand dollars he had withdrawn from bank.

—J. G. Rhodes, proprietor of the Rhodus House, at Girard, Pa., while speeding his horse, was struck by a train and killed.

—Mrs. Argus B. Weaver, of Buffalo, was shot at Drumbo, Ont., by burglars.—Miss Mary Bowen, a Salvation Army leader, was arrested in Patterson, N. J., charged with a brutal assault on a little girl.

—At Camp Knox, Ky., Mrs. Martha Mahon poured coal oil all over her dress and applied a match, and was burned to death in a few minutes.

—John McCormick committed suicide at his home in Albany, by cutting his throat with a piece of window glass. He was dependent over his non-success in securing work, was unmarried, and about thirty-nine years old.

—State Bank Commissioner Bridenbald, of Kansas, has issued a circular notifying the banks in his jurisdiction that such New York banks as refuse to honor drafts in cash are legally insolvent.

—The Ford County Bank, of Paxton, Ill., with liabilities of \$28,500, and assets of \$154,000, assigned.

—An attempt to wreck the Philadelphia and Erie express was foiled, and the desperado captured.—Health representatives of the government, state and city, united in a proclamation that there is no yellow fever in Pennsylvania.

—A fire in Benton, Ill., destroyed seventeen business buildings, involving a loss of \$150,000.—Seidie's large spoke works at Mechanicsburg, Pa., were destroyed by fire. Loss \$20,000.—Daniel C. Brinton, of Philadelphia, was elected president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the meeting held in Dixon, Wis.

—A cut of ten per cent. was made in the wages of the employes of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company.—The bonded warehouse of Jacob Hartzler, at Rome, Pa., was destroyed by fire, with its contents, consisting of 650 barrels of whiskey. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$15,000. Origin believed incendiary.—Dr. D. G. Foster, surgeon of the Fourteenth Regiment N. G. P., and one of the best-known physicians in Western Pennsylvania, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head at his home, at Crafton, Pa.

—There is no known reason for the deed. He leaves a wife and two children. The deceased was forty-three years of age.—Fire destroyed property to the value of \$75,000 in Nashville, Tenn.—Fire in the main department of the Erie Association houses destroyed a large amount of frozen fish and appliances. The fishing of Annie Laurie was also burned. Loss, \$30,000; insurance about one-half.

—Dan Munroe was killed near his store at Danville postoffice, in Louisiana, by J. G. Jones.—Two barns and several outbuildings on the model farm of Hon. James Focht located in Panther Valley, three miles from Cressona, Pa., was destroyed by fire. Twenty-three head of cattle, three mules, ten pigs and several hundred fancy breed chickens perished in the flames, and all the agricultural implements, including a steam thrasher were burned, as was the entire season's crop. Loss about \$18,000; insurance light.—A warrant was sworn out in Sioux City for the arrest of E. M. Donaldson, the fugitive president of the Marine Bank, who established a chain of banks in Iowa and Kansas.—In an eastern-bound Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe train which passed through Lajunta, Col., was a Wells Fargo express car containing \$1,400,000 in gold coin. The treasure was watched by a number of heavily-armed guards.—The 8th of next month is the time set for the execution of the nine Choctaws convicted at Wilberton in June. Private advices from Washington state that they will not be shot at all; that Gen. Armstrong, who has long been in the Indian service, will visit the Choctaw Nation and look into the affair.

—A colored woman and her two children were burned to death in a cabin near Charleston, Mo.—Prof. F. C. Anderson, an aviator, was fatally injured by a fall from the top of Sequoyia Falls, Washington.—George A. Daly, the well-known American, who, while employed on the Mexican Central Railroad as locomotive engineer, accidentally ran over and killed a man near the City of Mexico four months ago, has been released from prison by the Supreme Court.—Three-fourths of the town of Birds-eye, Ind., was destroyed by fire.—The extensive hardware house of Wm. Starr's Son & Morrow, in Halifax, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$125,000; insurance \$80,000. Rufus Keating, a freeman, fell from a ladder and was fatally injured.—Treasurer Curpan is reported to have absconded with a million dollars given to him by the Choctaws.—Judge Simonson, in the United States Court in Greenville, S. C., declared the Dispensary law, so far as it forbids common carriers to deliver intoxicating liquors in the state, void and contrary to the Interstate Commerce law.—Paul Smith fired into a clump of bushes near Oleopolis, Pa., and killed his younger brother, Albert, who was lying there.

—The rest of the crew, six in number, one of whom was his brother, had perished, upon having seen the men go down after the schooner sank. The Mary Lizzie sank in five minutes.

HUNGER AND FEVER

Yellow Jack and Starvation Threaten Brunswick's Poor.

ANOTHER SUFFERER FOUND.

Business Houses Locked and Barred and the Streets Deserted—Four Thousand People Hungry—An Appeal to Georgia Congressmen and Senators.

Brunswick, Ga., truly presents the appearance of a city stricken with the yellow fever scourge. Out of 15,000 people there are scarce 4,000 left in their homes, and these are there only because they cannot get away.

Every factory in the place is closed, and the wholesale cotton warehouses, which gave employment to hundreds, are barred.

The stores have shut their doors, and half of the residences are also locked up. The streets are deserted. Every person who could get out of the city left some time ago, and now none but the poor are left.

These families are already suffering for the common necessities of life, and will be without food in a few days if nothing is done to relieve them.

The citizens met and appointed a committee of relief, and the committee immediately appealed to nearby cities for help.

Later they formulated the following, which was at once forwarded to Washington to Senator Colquhoun and Gordon, Speaker Crisp and the members of the Georgia delegation.

The situation here is distressing. We are shut off from the entire outside world. Starvation stares the poor people in the face.

The document is signed by Charles W. Lam, Mayor C. P. Goodyear, Jacob E. Dart, Rev. Edward T. Cook, Rev. J. H. Thompson, Rev. Father Hennessy.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS. Extra Session.

SENATE.

13TH DAY.—In the Senate Mr. Allen gave notice of an amendment to the purchase requisition bill providing for the closing of all bullion in the Treasury.

14TH DAY.—The resolution offered by Mr. Pepper, calling for information as to the violation of the law by the national banks of Boston, New York and Philadelphia in refusing to pay promptly and in currency the checks of the depositors, gave rise to an interesting discussion.

15TH DAY.—In the Senate, Mr. Peffer delivered a three-hour speech on the silver question. He was followed by another Populist Senator, Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, who spoke for an hour and a half in support of his amendment, proposing to add to the Voorhees bill a provision for the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

16TH DAY.—In the Senate, Mr. Vest attacked the statement contained in the letter of Secretary Carlisle to Senator Voorhees, Mr. Hill made an elaborate address on the silver-repeal bill, and was followed by Senator Stewart.

HOUSE.

13TH DAY.—In the House the silver debate was resumed on the Wilson bill. Mallory, of Florida, was the first speaker against the unconditional repeal of the Sherman law.

14TH DAY.—In the House the debate on the Silver bill was resumed.

15TH DAY.—Quite a number of five-minute speeches upon the silver question was made in the House, the speakers including Messrs. Waugh, Sommers, Johnson, Fieker, Lucas, Hartman, Bartholme, Houck, Heard, Caruth, Wilson, Van Voorhis, Russell and others.

16TH DAY.—In the House, besides the five-minute speeches made by many on the repeal bill, longer addresses were delivered by Messrs. Burrows, Springer and Compton.

CABLE SPARKS.

FRANCE and Italian workmen at Algiers, Mortes, Gard, engaged in a street-fight and ten men were killed.

GEN. OLIVERA has been appointed Governor of the province of Buenos Ayres, and it is said that the whole republic will soon be declared in a state of seige.

THE United States steamer Saratoga, in commission as the Philadelphia school-ship, is at Gibraltar. She will remain for a few days and then sail for the United States.

GREAT FIRE.

Two Hundred and Fifty Houses Destroyed in Chicago.

MILLION DOLLARS LOSS.

Seven Thousand Working People Rendered Homeless—A Panic in the Streets—Two Churches Burned—Work of the Fire-boat Yosemite.

A fire which covered a vast extent of territory began in that part of the city known as South Chicago about 5 o'clock P. M.

From a three-story brick building at the corner of Ninety-first street and Superior avenue flames which rapidly grew in volume under a gale of wind from the west, set their way over block after block of small frame residences until they reached the lake.

The fifty thousand residents of the town were precipitated into a panic. As the pine structures in which lived the workmen employed in the large steel mills of the Illinois Steel Company, and in which the smaller merchants of the place made their homes, were leveled by the roaring flames, those whose homes had not yet fallen fled with their goods and household utensils to the other portions of the city.

Among the first buildings to fall was the First Methodist Church, at Ninety-first street and Superior avenue, and before its steeple had toppled to the ground the new and commodious German Lutheran church on the opposite corner was blazing in a dozen places. Hardly had these more pretentious buildings been leveled to the ground than the fire was detected blazing in a dozen places further east.

The local department, a branch of Chief Swensen's city service, had been called upon, also all the help in the immediate district, but by the time the First Methodist Church was well on fire it was seen that every effort must be made to prevent the destruction of the greater part of the town.

The central fire-alarm office sent to the fire every engine that could be spared in the south side of the city. The Yosemite, the giant fireboat lying at the foot of La Salle street, was hurried from its dock and was soon plowing its way through the waters of the lake in its thirteen-mile race to the far southern section where the fire was raging.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

HAMLIN GARLAND is about to publish a small volume of poems entitled "Prairie Songs," and illustrated by a Western poet.

THE namesake of Molly Stark, of revolutionary fame, resides in San Jose, Cal., a girl of thirteen, and the sixth in direct descent from Gen. John Stark.

HARRISON ROBERTSON, the author of the famous racing story, "How the Derby Was Won," contributes to the September Scribner a new story in a different vein, entitled "The Rich Man's Girl."

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM EVERETT, of Massachusetts, has appointed Frank H. Stewart, of Melrose Highlands, his private secretary. Mr. Stewart is twenty-three years of age and a graduate of Harvard College.

UNDER the retrenchment policy of President Thomas M. King, of the Pittsburg and Western Railroad, it is probable that 500 employes in all will be suspended. It is designed to reduce the pay roll about \$75,000 a month.

WORK AND WORKERS.

ALL the salaried employes of the Carnegie Steel Works will have their wages cut from 15 to 20 per cent.

The Amory Mills, of Manchester, N. Y., employing 1,400 operatives, have closed for two weeks.

UNTIL the financial depression is over the Thomson-Houston Electric Works at Lynn, Mass., will only run three days a week.

The Bessemer Steel Works, of Pueblo, Col., which closed down three weeks ago, resumed operations, and 800 men went to work again.

THIRTY out of forty-five paper machines in the Fox River Valley, Wis., from Neenah to Deperer are shut down. It is only the smaller machines that are running.

At Scranton, Pa., the Dickson Manufacturing Company, employing 1,200 persons in the manufacture of locomotives and mining machinery, posted notices of a 10 per cent. reduction in wages in all of the departments.

The deputy sheriffs stationed for several days past at the coal mines at Bedford, Mo., have been withdrawn, the strike having been practically declared off.

A delegation representing the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen of the Louisville and Nashville system had a conference with General Manager Metcalf, at which the proposal of the road for a 10 per cent. reduction in wages was discussed.

Officers and Privates Commended for Courageous Acts.

Six months ago an order was formulated giving the names of officers and enlisted men of the army who were reported for distinguished services during the past year.

Private Harvey McGuire, hospital corps, is mentioned for saving a comrade from drowning in the Lick river, Kentucky.

Sergt. C. F. Wolf, battery M, third artillery, for heroic conduct in saving the life of an insane patient, who attempted suicide by drowning in the Mississippi river, at Jackson Barracks, La., in rescuing a young lady from drowning at Fort Monroe, in July, 1886, in rescuing a child at the same place in 1890, and in saving a comrade from drowning there last year.

CHOLERA IN RUSSIA.

Official Report from the Various Departments.

The official cholera report from the affected governments for the past week is as follows:

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Epitome of News Gleaned from Various Parts of the State

At the National Farmers' Alliance Encampment at Mt. Gretna, Mrs. Mary E. Lease of Kansas, was the principal speaker. Thirty-five thousand people were present.

ALFRED ASHLEY, whose skull was fractured at Mt. Gretna, by a falling balloon support died in a Lebanon hospital.

WILSON N. ANDREWS and Andrew Sarska, Lehigh Valley Railroad track repairmen, were killed near Penn Haven Junction by a passenger train.

At West Chester Levi Smith and William Jones, convicted of assault, were each sentenced to five years' imprisonment and Rev. Albert B. Wilson was given a year for writing bogus insurance policies.

SEVERAL employes of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company were discharged by the superintendent for attending Assumption Day picnic at Wilkes-Barre. Fellow employes threaten to quit work and boycott the company.

COSDY McGOARTY, 13 years old, fell down a mine shaft at Wilkes-Barre, a distance of 200 feet and was rescued alive. The rescuing party got lost in the workings and wandered around for three hours with the injured boy.

THREE big Pottstown industries closed their doors against workmen because of the prevailing dullness, and 2,000 men are idle in consequence.

COPIOUS rains fell in the eastern part of the State, breaking the long continued drought and saving potato and corn crops.

WM. H. SEACRETT, a dunce sharp who was sentenced to one year's imprisonment at the recent term of court broke jail at New Bloomfield. His escape was made through a hole in the ceiling of his cell, by which he reached the attic and from there a rope made from his bedding landed him safely in the street.

DURING a severe thunderstorm the electric fluid pierced the tall steeple of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Pottstown, and scattered the roofing slate in every direction, but doing no further damage. St. Stephen's congregation has been shaken by factional dissension for the year past, and many of the older German members expressed their belief that the lightning's havoc was the manifestation of God's displeasure with the warring elements of the church.

JOHN PARTRELL, of Dickson City, drank a quart of bad whiskey inside a quarter of an hour and soon became so ill that a physician was summoned. Nothing could be done for him and he died in a short while.

WALTER GEISER, a young man residing at Altoona, was discovered lying in a pool of blood in front of the residence of Joseph H. Reed, in Hollidaysburg at an early hour the other morning. He had been shot in the left breast and is in a critical condition.

THE National Farmer's Alliance began its annual encampment at Mt. Gretna. Perry County Republicans held an enthusiastic meeting at New Bloomfield and nominated a ticket.

LANCASTER Edward Sanders, a notoriously bad man, was convicted of attempted murder and sent to the penitentiary for ten years.

FRESTER J. BOKER was killed and Harry Basser, his brother, was seriously injured near Lionville by a premature blast.

Near Italy, Pietro Chifoni was instantly killed by a stone thrown by Lawrence Paelfaco. The assailant escaped.

While carelessly handling a pistol at Billwood, Alfred Pelt shot his 4-year-old sister-in-law, Maad Smith. The bullet lodged in the heart, killing her instantly.

Two valuable cows belonging to Jacob Hillpot were killed by lightning near Chalfont.

EDWARD KELLY, aged 12 years, died at the Eastern Hospital from injuries received by falling under a coal train.

GEORGE KLATZ, an Italian, jumped from a rapidly moving electric car at Ashland and fractured his skull he will die.

JOSEPH FEATHERS, age 157, a track walker in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, was struck by a train near the depot in Tamaqua and instantly killed.

TRACK foreman on the Tyrone Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad have been notified to reduce working hours to nine and to use no material except what is necessary to keep the track safe.

At Gilberton, near Pottsville, the action of the City Council in tearing up the tracks of the street railway company resulted in a riot in which two people were killed and several wounded.

The National Farmers' Alliance Encampment at Mt. Gretna was addressed by Capt. John Powers, of Indiana, and National Lecturer Terrell, of Texas. Ten thousand people were present.

Three-fourths of the mills in the Pittsburg district are now in operation and the outlook is brighter for workmen than for several weeks.

A distinct shock of earthquake was felt at Chester. No damage is reported.

Walter Grass, of Roaring Springs, got drunk and was put in the borough lockup. He set fire to the building and was terribly burned before being taken out of his cell. The lockup was destroyed.

Six thousand Lutherans from Blair, Cambria, and Clearfield counties held their eighth annual reunion at Martinsburg. The principal speakers were Rev. Samuel Damer, D. D., of Washington, D. C., and Rev. Henry Baker, D. D., of Pittsburg.

EDWARD FLEXER, an old resident of Sellersville, was kicked in the abdomen by a horse while leading the animal to a water trough and died in great agony several hours after the accident.

A strike is threatened among the coal miners at Salineville, O. They were offered half pay and the notes of the company for 60 days. The miners, rather than accept the terms of the company, ordered a strike and quit work altogether.

Prof. Holden says that the cavity represented by the largest spot on the sun is sufficient to take in the whole of our planet without touching the sides.