

A snowslide in Marshall Basin, Col., demolished the Cimarron stables and part of the Cimarron mill, twisting the Union trolley tramway, knocked down the San Miguel Consolidated Electric Light wires and did much other damage.

Mail advices received at Vancouver from China say that the cowardly Chinese generals and admirals are to be executed.

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At Windsor Mills, Canada, Mrs. Moore walked into the River St. Francis with her baby in her arms.

RUIN AND DEATH.

Details of the Catastrophe that Overwhelmed Butte, Mont.

SIXTY LIVES WERE LOST.

Twenty Tons of Giant Powder Spread Ruin Through a Section of the City.—Like the Scene of a Battle.—Human Bodies Shattered.

Twenty tons of giant powder went up at one blast during the conflagration in the Montana Central yards, followed almost immediately by two less explosions, wrecking this entire quarter of the city, killing or wounding nearly every man connected with the Butte fire department, and mowing down by scores spectators who crowded the streets in the vicinity of the fire.

The city is just awakening from the stupor into which it was plunged by the disaster, and investigation is hourly adding to the horror of the accident. The latest reports of the number of lives lost indicate that it is likely to exceed sixty.

With the fire department practically annihilated, the engines remaining as masses of twisted and discolored metal, the flames burned until nearly daybreak, when they had entirely consumed the warehouses of the Butte Hardware Company, the Parthen Daehnell Drug Company and the Kenyon Connel mercantile company, the Electric light plant, Schlitz brewing building and a flour and feed warehouse.

At 9:55 P. M., an alarm of fire was turned in from Box 72, in the Montana Central yards. The fire department responded promptly, and at 10:08 were preparing to turn water on the blaze.

There was a rumor that there was powder in the building, and this reached the ears of the firemen as soon as they reached the scene, but it was denied, and after a moment's hesitation they began fighting the fire.

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FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Twenty-Seventh Day.—The U. S. Senate gave the day to further discussion of the income tax bill.

Twenty-Eighth Day.—In the Senate Mr. Hill's proposition to refer the legality of the income tax to the courts was defeated.

Twenty-Ninth Day.—Another interesting chapter to the financial question was given in the United States Senate when Mr. Sherman presented an emergency currency bill.

Thirtieth Day.—The Senate passed the Army Appropriation bill, carrying \$23,000,000, and the bill, which in effect, advances General Schofield, in command of the army, to the rank of lieutenant general.

Thirty-first Day.—The House of Representatives was devoted, after the morning hour, to the consideration of the Indian Appropriation bill, but no progress was made before adjournment.

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CRISIS IN FRANCE.

M. Casimir-Perier Resigns the Office of President.

WAS OFFENDED BY ATTACKS

The Cabinet Unable to Dissuade the President From His Purpose—Causes That Led to His Action—Henry Brisson May Be His Successor.

It was announced Tuesday evening that M. Casimir-Perier, President of the French Republic, has resigned his office.

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Twenty-three Armenians have been sentenced to death for the alleged murder of a Mussulman in Armenia, though many of the convicted men produced passports showing that they were in Constantinople when the murder was committed.

The French Chamber refused to order the release of M. Richard, who had been elected to the Chamber while serving a term of imprisonment for housing President Casimir-Perier.

CABLE SPARKS.

Cable: Heleary has declined to form a Hungarian cabinet.

Gold weather and snow are reported from Algiers and Corsica. A heavy shock of earthquakes took place at Westmeath, Oct., lasting about thirty seconds.

There are indications of serious differences of opinion among the members of the British cabinet, Ireland being the main bone of contention.

A dispute has arisen concerning the Guatemala damage negotiations, now pending in Mexico, which may delay the settlement of the case.

Harry DeWindt, an English traveler, intends to lecture in America to refute the statements of George Kennan in regard to Russian prison life.

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PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Epitome of News Gleaned From Various Parts of the State.

At Harrisburg most of the work done was in committee rooms. The Philadelphia appropriation bills were read, and an appropriation for more bird books passed the House.

Henry Gleaburn, long thought to be dead, returned to Pittsburgh after twenty years' absence. He is now a Texas millionaire, and is looking for his parents.

The Blair-White judicial contest continues at Indiana, many witnesses being heard. Between thirty and forty church buildings vacated by Dubites in various parts of the State were sold at auction in Williamsport.

Tony Desando, an Italian, in a fight at Williamsport badly wounded two men by stabbing them. He was committed to jail. John Soodgrass, an engineer, was awarded \$45,000 damages, at Homestead, against the Carnegie Company for injuries received in a boiler explosion.

President Cairns, of the Pittsburgh Miners, issued a circular, saying that the officers of the union had been unable to arbitrate in the present difficulty with the operators. Lancaster church people shipped two car loads of provisions to the destitute parts of Kansas and Nebraska. Other adjacent towns will also send aid.

Mrs. Sarah Alice Hertzig, aged 26 years, was found dead in bed at the home of her parents in Lebanon. Six-year old Mamie Clauser, of Egypt, who was suffering from whooping cough, ruptured a blood vessel in the head and bled to death in two hours.

Robbers broke into the Beltzhoover postoffice and stole \$6 in cash. They did not touch the stamps or registered mail. George Mosewell was instantly killed in Derringer colliery, Harleton, while at work in a chamber. A heavy fall of coal took place which covered him and crushed his life out.

Charles Kiewitz, aged 65 years, was run over by the north bound passenger train on the North Penn Road near New Street crossing and probably fatally injured. President Hoffer, of the Gettysburg Electric Railway, has sold all his interests in that organization to Walter E. Kendall and John B. Connelly, of Philadelphia, and J. I. Murphy, of Chicago.

The Legation Valley Railroad Company decided to replace steam power by electricity on its passenger trains. There were 610 men present at the meeting of Carnegie workmen at Homestead, and many fiery speeches were made in favor of organizing.

EXPOSITION PLANS.

A Land and Water Tricycle and a Paper to Be Tried in Atlanta.

A novelty at the Cotton States and International Exposition will be the land and water tricycle operated by electricity.

The inventor says it will carry 8 to 10 people, taking up the load at any part of the grounds and carrying it to the lake, where the tricycle becomes a boat and continues its course through the water by means of air-inflated wheels.

Mrs. Joseph Thompson, president of the woman's board of managers, will be editor-in-chief, and other ladies will conduct the different departments. St. Valentine's Day has been selected, and the ladies will edit the Journal that day and take the proceeds for the woman's department of the exposition.

Women reporters will do the courts, railroads, station-houses, recorders' court, capital and everything else. All the regular force will be discharged for that day, and the ladies of the ladies' exposition board will take the whole responsibility.

THE CHOICE OF A SUCCESSOR.

Following is the text of the articles of the constitution relating to the change in the presidency.

Article 2.—The President of the republic is elected by an absolute majority of the suffrages of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies met in National Assembly. He is appointed for seven years, and is eligible for re-election.

Article 7.—Provides that in case of a vacation of the office through death or any other cause the National Assembly shall proceed forthwith to elect a new President. In the interval the council of ministers is invested with executive power.

On November 4 M. Gerault-Richard was sentenced to serve a term of one year's imprisonment and to pay a fine of 4,000 francs for publishing an article in Le Commerce strongly reflecting upon President Casimir-Perier.

On December 23, when a bye-election was held to fill a vacancy in the first constituency of the thirteenth district of Paris, M. Gerault-Richard was put forward as a candidate, and after a rebuff was elected.

BILL COOK'S CAPTURE.

The Oklahoma Terror Was Caught Nip and Trow Up His Hands.

United States Marshal Hall received a dispatch from Sheriff C. G. Perry, of Chaves Co., who captured the notorious Oklahoma outlaw, Bill Cook stating that the prisoner was safely landed in the county jail at Roswell.

The outlaw's capture was effected at an isolated cattle ranch house on the Great Plains, a few miles southeast of old Fort Sumner. During his service here as Deputy United States Marshal Mr. Perry has been frequently sent by Marshal Hall to take desperate criminals in Oklahoma and Texas, and it was while on one of these trips that he saw a photograph of Bill Cook and secured a description of him that had been sent out by the Adams Express Company.

While returning from a funeral near Elton, a carriage load of people were thrown out by a runaway horse and five persons were injured. Reports from many State towns are to the effect that the weather is the coldest of the winter, ranging from ten degrees above zero to ten below. Several deaths from exposure occurred.

Henry C. Frick, chairman of the Carnegie Steel Company, Pittsburgh, since its organization, has retired from active work. Adjutant General Greenleaf, of the National Guard issued a report showing the work of the State militia for the past two years.

Senator Quay wrote a letter to a McKeesport man declaring he was opposed to the greater Pittsburg project. The Schuylkill County Grand Jury, at Pottsville, found true bills of indictment against several alms-house officials.

TO INCREASE THE NAVY.

A House Committee Favors the Enlistment of 2,000 Men.

The most important legislation decided upon by the sub-committee which is engaged in drawing the navy appropriation bill is an increase of the navy by the addition of 2,000 enlisted men. This increase was recommended by Secretary Herbert in his annual report, wherein he explained the difficulty of properly manning the ships with the present force of seamen of the rank and file.

Another matter not so easily disposed of is the Secretary's request for three new battleships and 12 torpedo boats. For several days the sub-committee has been wrestling with this question and has not been able to agree, nor is it certain that its plan, when formulated will be endorsed by the committee, as certain members contended that in the present state of the Government's finances there should be no expense incurred that can be avoided.

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TRAIN ROBBERS IN IOWA.

A Burlington Passenger Train "Held Up"—The Plunder Small.

The passenger train on the Burlington Road from Denver to Chicago was robbed at Chillicothe, Iowa, by two masked men, who boarded the express car just as the train was leaving the station, and entered by the end door before the express messenger had locked it.

TORTURED BY ROBBERS.

Masked Men Whip an Aged Couple, take Money and Lock Them in a Room.

Masked robbers entered the house of David McBride, tied the farmer and his wife to chairs, at New Castle, Pa., and tried whipping and threats of torture to compel them to give up their money.

DROWNED IN A MINE.

Water Rushes Into the Pit From Old Workings—Twenty Men Lost.

An accident occurred at the big Lake Colliery at Audley, North Staffordshire, England, in which it is thought that at least 21 persons lost their lives.

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SPRECKELS ON HAWAII.

The Sugar King Declares the Infant Republic a Temporary Sham.

Claus Spreckels, the sugar king, declares that the Hawaiian Republic is a sham. He made a statement at the Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco, speaking of the resolution of the Government to station a warship permanently at Honolulu to protect American interests there. He reiterated the remark in a subsequent interview, and says the Republic is being maintained temporarily by a few men interested in land speculation.