

At McGregor, an Italian settlement in Minnesota, A. Cresti and his brother shot and killed Ben Jusetto and his wife...

Maude Leach was arrested in Huntington, W. Va., on the charge of forging a receipt. Joshua S. Over was sentenced to life imprisonment in Staunton for stealing thirty-seven cents worth of bacon...

The contract was given to the Pennsylvania Steel Works for the Boston subway, intended for the use of electric cars. The subway will cost about \$30,000,000...

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Judge King, of New Orleans, acquitted Mayor John Fitzpatrick, against whom articles of impeachment had been filed by the Citizens' Protective Association...

OUR FLAG FIRED ON.

United States Mail Steamer Alliance Attacked.

FROM A SPANISH CRUISER.

The American Was Not Hit, and Left the Spaniard Behind in a Race at Sea—An International Question May Be Involved.

A despatch from New York says: The American mail steamer Alliance, while proceeding from Colon to New York, on the morning of the 8th instant sighted a barkentine-rigged steamer under the land of Cape Mays, the eastern edge of Cuba...

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The Spanish man-of-war was not satisfied, however, with even the double salute to her flag, but proceeded to chase the American at her full speed...

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EX-QUEEN LIL SENTENCED.

Given Five Years' Imprisonment and Fined \$5,000.

The work consequent to the rebellion, so far as the military organizations were concerned, was practically completed on Friday. The ex-Queen has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$5,000...

The movement for annexation is gaining among the natives, and the formation of an annexation league by Sam Parker, one of the ex-Queen's commissioners to Washington...

CABLE SPARKS.

The Egyptian council of state has decided to extend the railway to Assouan.

Senhor Goncalves Ferreira, Brazilian minister of the interior, has resigned.

Fire destroyed \$4,000,000 worth of property in Port Spain, on the island of Trinidad.

The question of restricting Jewish immigration to Germany was discussed in the Reichstag.

SEVEN men were killed while descending the shaft of the Mail-Beach lead mine, near Shrewsbury, Eng.

The failure of Congress to make an appropriation to pay the Bering Sea award was discussed in Parliament.

The French has seized the island of Nosivey, in St. Augustine Bay, on the South-west coast of the island of Madagascar.

The Japanese have occupied New Chang, a treaty point on the Gulf of Pechili, the first treaty point to be molested by the invaders.

Madame Collett, the Norwegian novelist and leader of the Norwegian woman's rights party, is dead. She was eighty-two years old.

An engagement between Spanish troops and insurgents is said to have been fought near Santa Clara, and the regulars were defeated.

The captain-general of Cuba has demanded the recall of the American consul-general at Havana, and the Spanish cabinet will support the demand.

The Duke of Noailles is dead, aged sixty-two years. His younger brother, the Marquis of Noailles, is the famous French diplomat and liberator.

A colony of 700 negroes has just been located in the State of Durango, Mexico, and is the first emigration of the African race to enter that Republic.

The steamship Friedland, with a large party of American excursionists on board, is aground in the harbor of Port Said, Egypt.

MEXICANS living along the United States border are said to be displeased with the abolition of the free zone and are urging their government to adopt retaliatory measures.

THE CROP REPORT FOR MARCH.

Plenty of Corn in the Country, but Wheat is Very Scarce.

The crop report of the Department of Agriculture for the month of March consists principally of estimates of the distribution of corn and wheat, the stock remaining in the hands of farmers, and the proportions of merchantable and unmerchantable.

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RESCUED FROM A MINE FIRE.

Ten Men Were Imprisoned by a Blaze in a Shaft House.

The Sultana mine shafthouse at Rat Portage, Manitoba, took fire in the drying-room. Two miners are dead and eight others were almost suffocated to death.

The fire is supposed to have been started by a pipe in the pocket of a coat hanging on the wall. Foreman Johnson, noticing the fire, called men to assist in putting it out...

Motley Bell, assayer at the mine, and Foreman Johnson, descended the shaft and found six men on the first level, apparently all suffocated.

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CHINA ACCEPTS.

It is Reported that a Treaty of Peace Will be Signed.

THROUGH OUR MINISTERS.

China Will Pay the Indemnity—Demands of the Mikado Will Be Complied With According to the Reports.

Word comes from Tokio, Japan, that China has been informed in general terms of the conditions upon which Japan will consent to peace, and it is said has signified its acceptance.

The correspondence by means of which this agreement was arrived at was carried through the United States Ministers to the two countries—Minister Edwin Duff, at Tokio, and Minister Charles Denby, at Peking.

It is reported that the Chinese Government has already agreed upon points in the peace conference regarding the independence of Corea, the cession of territory and money indemnity, the amount to be agreed upon by the envoys.

The despatch adds that no imperial edict relating to the war will be published for a month, and there will be no published reference to the peace mission, as the Foreign Office unwillingly yielded its policy to that of the War Department in order to bring about harmony.

It is expected that the agreement will be signed at an early date.

JAPS AGAIN WIN.

They Defeat 7,000 Chinese—Kill 1,400 and Lose Only Ten Men.

A Chinese force of 7,000 men supported by thirty guns, was attacked by the Japanese at Denshoai. General Katsura commanded the center division of the Japanese army which fought bravely.

The attack was successful and in two hours the Chinese fled toward Chin Chow, losing 1,400 men. The Japanese loss was ten killed.

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The Reina Regenta had just conveyed the returning Moorish mission to Tangier. She left port on March 13 for Cadix and has not since been heard of.

The Reina Regenta is a steel protected cruiser and was completed in 1887. Her dimensions are: Length, 320 feet; beam, 51 feet 7 inches; draught, 19 feet 3 inches.

She is of 4750 tons displacement, 11,500 horsepower and her speed is 23 knots. Her main armament consists of four 9.45-inch guns, one on each side forward of the superstructure and one on each side aft.

She has an auxiliary lattice of four torpedo tubes. Her protected deck is 4.3 inches thick on the sides, her gun turrets are 5 inches thick and her heavy gun shield is 3 inches thick.

She has a coal capacity of 1150 tons. She was one of the three Columbus warships that took part in the great Columbian Naval Parade in New York Harbor in the Spring of 1893.

DISASTERS AND CASUALTIES.

A fire truck was struck by a Lake Shore locomotive at a crossing in Detroit, and the driver was fatally injured.

Andrew Dillway and W. E. Warren were killed and two other men were injured by the explosion of a boiler in a saw mill in Piedmont, South Dakota.

A passenger train on the Indianapolis and Vincennes Railway was detached between Marco and Saaborn, Indiana, and five passengers were injured.

ANNIE BOHAN, twenty-nine years of age, a stenographer, and her sister, Maria, aged twenty-two, a dressmaker, were found dead in their rooms in Chicago, having been asphyxiated by gas escaping from a defective meter.

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PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Epitome of News Gleaned From Various Parts of the State.

Three sisters were arrested in Allegheny charged with shoplifting, and \$10,000 worth of goods were found in their homes.

John Wurzbarger, an alleged lottery agent, was arrested at Wilkes-Barre and was held for trial at court.

The Bank of Dubois, at Dubois, closed its door. Officials declare its assets are fully \$20,000 more than its liabilities.

Preliminary steps were taken at Pittsburg to form a new national party to secure prohibition and other reforms.

A Hungarian woman named Lollinski and her little daughter were murdered near Mammoth.

Barney Kemper was arrested at Harrisburg for alleged pension frauds.

William Welsh, John A. Andrews and Samuel Simpson, employed at the Donnelly mines, near Greensburg, were badly injured by a premature explosion.

While engaged in tearing down the old Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank Building at Pittsburg, Patrick Killen lost his life, and three other men were injured.

The Governor sent to the Senate the nomination of Theodore B. Stubb, of Philadelphia, to be Health Officer, and Dr. Henry C. Boening, the present incumbent, to be Quarantine Physician.

The Juniata River in Blair County has been almost depopulated of fish, due to ice gorges and the fact that the water was entirely frozen at many points.

Representatives of Mrs. Bailey, of West Chester, are seeking to recover from Pittsburg \$2,050, the principal and interest on a water bond stolen from her in 1870.

Quarantined small-pox victims at Wilkes-Barre complained that they were half-starved by the Poor Board.

The Gas McCarroll, the Republican member of the Lycoming Board of Auditors, made charges of irregularity against the board.

Chairman Henry's selection of Robert E. Wright, of Altoona, for Democratic State chairman, has aroused the anti-Harry Democrats at Harrisburg.

The Blair County Auditors at Harrisburg, resumed their investigations into the financial affairs of the county.

After a two days' exciting hunt in Pike county Frank Hanna, Daniel Williams and George Smith succeeded in running down and killing a 250 pound bear, but not before he had baited with and killed one of the dog.

Silas Wertman, who lives some fourteen miles north of Milton, and who is blind at times, becomes unbalanced, and attempted to commit suicide.

Two men were arrested at Morrell, Pa., with complicity in the murder of Edward Rice, which occurred last May.

Two sisters, named Sheffer, were found dead in their home at Shrewsbury, being suffocated by coal gas.

Two thousand more miners joined the Pittsburg district strike. In some isolated mines men to the number of several hundred returned to work.

The House adopted a resolution for a Board of Charities investigation of remedial treatment for drunkenness among paupers and convicts.

The long-continued contests in the Erie Councils over an ordinance to abolish the famous street market was settled by the final passage of the ordinance.

The abolition of the market throws away a franchise for which the city is net in \$4,000 a year. Daniel Drisher, a farmer, aged 68 years, hanged himself in his pig-sty, in Amity, Berks county. His wife died a few weeks ago, and her death is supposed to have caused her husband to commit suicide.

About seven o'clock in the evening George Nutt, on finding the house of William Mercer, Sr., found him hanging from the banisters of the stairs. No one was in the house at the time and no cause is assigned for Mercer's self-destruction.

By the order of a commission in January, murderer George Duoric will be taken from the Western Penitentiary, where he is serving a life sentence, to the Piquette Asylum.

John A. Helix, the artist burglar, was taken back to Louisville from Pittsburg without making a fight in consideration of a promise that the Louisville authorities would aid him in securing a commutation of sentence.

A shocking accident occurred at No. 2 Drifton Colliery, Hazleton, by which John Matoczek was killed. He was endeavoring to crawl through a small hole in the pillar when the support collapsed and several tons of coal crushed him.

Judge Bell rendered a decision declaring legal the summons served in the case of Gardner, the missing Altoona bank cashier. Two young men at Silver Brook nearly lost their lives in their attempt to kill a mad dog by dynamite.

River operators of the fourth pool declared at Pittsburg that they would pay the 69 cent rate demanded by the striking miners. Railroad operators refused to grant the demand.

FLED EMPTY HANDED.

After Blowing Up a Bank, Burglars Were Frightened by the Noise.

The Corder Bank, twenty miles west of Marshall, Mo., was wrecked by burglars. The vault was entirely destroyed by dynamite. The burglars became scared at the explosion and fled empty-handed. Posses are in pursuit.

SHOT AND KILLED.

Ham Collins The Notorious Virginia Moonshiner.

BROKE JAIL SEVEN TIMES.

Two Bullets from Charles Slaven's Winchester Put an End to Ham Collins' Career of Crime and Bloodshed.

A special despatch from Richmond gives the details of the killing; recently in the mountains of Virginia and West Virginia of the notorious desperado, Ham Collins, by Charles Slaven, Collins, his son, and Peter Kramer, had been to River, W. Va., where they purchased a keg of whiskey.

All went well until the party neared the home of Gratz Slaven, on the Staunton and Parkersburg pike. Without apparent provocation Collins felled Varner and beat him unmercifully. Gratz Slaven was asleep and did not hear the disturbance, but his brother Charles, who lives a short distance up the road, was awakened by the disturbance, and thinking that his brother was being attacked, seized his Winchester and started toward his brother's house.

When near the scene of disorder he met Varner, covered with blood, and so terribly injured that he was unable to speak. Collins thought that Slaven would take sides with Varner against him, and tried to get possession of the rifle, but being foiled, the veteran moonshiner, in a frenzy of rage, drew a knife, and, advancing toward Slaven swore to kill him.

Slaven sprang over the bank of the road, and instantly turning sent two balls through the body of the most fearless man who ever inhabited the mountain State. After the coroner's inquest was held, Slaven was taken to Pocahontas, the county seat, where he is held for trial.

Collins was an all-round desperate character, and lived in defiance of any and all laws. Almost the entire category of crime had been laid to his door. He had broken jail seven times.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

The Ameer of Afghanistan is 50 years old is built like a giant, has a broad and massive face, and sparkling black eyes.

Collector of Internal Revenue Mize, of Chicago, says that the income tax from Chicago will not exceed \$1,000,000 and may fall below \$500,000.

President Faure is fond of the American game of poker. There are a good many Parisians who know the game, and M. Faure learned its fascinations during his career as a Deputy.

Ex-Congressman Hatch said in Washington the other day: "I am going home to live on my farm in Missouri among the thoroughbred horses, thoroughbred cattle and thoroughbred people. That is what I am going to do."

Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, it is said, intends to change the order of succession established by the Pragmatic Sanction of 1723, by which Marie Theresa became Queen, and to have the crown transferred to his only grandson, the child of his youngest daughter, Valerie, and the Archduke Francis Salvator.

"France" Williams, the best-known kypee in this country, and believed to be the head of the Romany gypsies in America, died at his home in East Hartford, Conn., the other day. Williams was born in Devonshire, England, in 1830. When he was 16 years old he married a girl of 14. They have had fourteen children, many of whom are living.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, has received from Willard Morse, a constituent in Denver, a paper weight, which the Senator says he will take to the International Monetary Conference as an object lesson to demonstrate the platform of the silver men. It is a block of silver, standard fineness, weighing and inscribed "sixteen ounces Colorado silver," superimposed on which is a block of gold, inscribed "one ounce Arizona gold."

SUFFOCATED WHILE IN BED.

Three Deaths in a Hotel Fire at Mackeysville, W. Va.

A fatal hotel fire in which three persons lost their lives and four more may die, occurred at Mackeysville, W. Va., at 1 o'clock the other morning.

The scene of what came near being a wholesale holocaust was I. D. Jenkins' hotel. The fire started in the lobby and is supposed to have originated from a defective flue.

The flames spread so rapidly that the guests had scarcely any time to escape. The watchman was awakened by the smoke and fire and made haste as best he could to give the alarm.

Fifteen of the guests managed to reach the windows and then jumped to the ground, receiving but slight injuries. The three men burned to death probably never awoke, or if they did, were immediately suffocated.

The fire caused most intense excitement and the sad affair has cast a gloom over the community, as those burned to death and the persons badly injured were all well-known citizens.

The loss will reach \$3,000; no insurance.

TWO THOUSAND KILLED.

The Japs Rout the Chinese After Fierce Warfare.

The first division of the Japanese Army attacked a force of 10,000 Chinese under General Sung, at Thien Chwang Tai. For four hours a fierce battle raged, but the Chinese were defeated after losing 2,000 killed or wounded. The Japanese loss was only ninety killed or wounded.

General Kodza, who succeeded Field Marshal Yamagata in the command of the First Japanese Army, has been promoted.

Paris.—The "Figaro" declares that neither France nor Great Britain will permit Japan to seize the Island of Formosa.

There was heavy fighting at New Chang before the Japanese captured the place, and nearly 2,000 Chinese were killed.