

THE NEWS.

A misplaced switch at Stanton, Va., caused a wreck on the C. & O. Road, in which several people were hurt.

A man who registered at a hotel in Richmond, Va., as E. N. Simpson, Savannah, was found dead in his room.

At Norfolk, Va., Owen J. Cosgrove killed Wm. France, colored, and Policeman Edgar Holland killed himself.

The report is again circulated that the Southern Railroad has bought the Atlantic and Danville.

George W. Blarer was shot and killed on the street at Elizabeth, Colorado. The murderer escaped.

Charles R. Badger, wanted at New York for embezzlement, was arrested in Harrisburg, Pa.

Thomas Martin and his three children were burned to death at Marion, Va.

Arms and ammunition were sent from Richmond to Alexandria, Va., to equip a company of sixty-five men. More trouble is feared there. The verdict in the lynching case was that the victim met death at the hands of parties unknown to the jury.

A Big Consolidated street car was wrecked in Cleveland by nitro-glycerine. The officers arrested Charles H. Bond, charged with placing explosives on the track in June last.

Testimony taken before the Maset Committee, in New York, showed that many robberies had been committed, and many offenders had not been arrested.

The Association of Shoe Manufacturers, organized at Philadelphia, resolved upon an advance of from ten to twenty-five cents in the price of shoes.

All the yellow fever patients at the Soldiers' Home, at Hampton, are improving. No more deaths are expected.

Georgia Jenkins and Georgia De Alvin, actresses, had a fight with actors at Parkersburg, W. Va., and both were badly hurt, one seriously.

Six hundred cloakmakers in New York received twenty-five per cent. increase in their weekly pay, and resumed work.

At Chatham, Va. Dr. John C. Anderson, indicted for seduction and attempted murder, was bailed in the sum of \$12,500.

Adolphus Brown, colored, was killed at Amite City, La., by whites, who also fogged Edgar and Edward Barr.

A lovers' quarrel at Denver resulted in the death of Goldie McConey, and the fatal wounding of George Bond.

Near Chicago Mrs. Edward Eckinger killed her husband and daughter, and tried to kill herself.

Bank poison was found in some cheese shipped from Lewis county, N. Y., to Philadelphia.

Near Marietta, Ohio, Valentine Clark was killed by Miles Harper in Harper's house.

Vincent and Engelbert Jersey were killed by lightning at Camp Douglas, Wis.

In West Virginia Sherman Smith killed Levi Ramey, his rival.

Four firemen were killed by a live wire in Omaha, Neb.

Secretary of War Root says 50,000 men will be sent to the Philippines by October, and, afterwards, as many more as may be necessary to put a speedy end to the trouble.

The coroner's jury at Bar Harbor attributed Sunday's disaster, by which twenty persons were drowned, to "inefficient construction of the ferry slip."

Ricardo Aruente, a Havana editor, arrived at New York, on his way to Washington, to protest against the suppression of his newspaper.

John Jones, aged fifteen years, of York county, Pa., was dragged to death by a runaway horse, in the harness of which he became entangled.

Ex-Governor W. Y. Atkinson, of Georgia, died at his home, at Newnan, in that state, after an illness of ten days. He was forty-five years old.

The Consolidated Mines Company, in which John D. Rockefeller is interested, bought property containing eight million tons of Bessemer ore.

Investigation showed that Charles A. F. Audenreth, who killed himself a few days ago in Philadelphia, was financially embarrassed.

The Canadian gold commissioner says the output from the Klondike mines this year will be forty million dollars.

An engineer and a fireman were killed by an accident on the Southern Pacific Road, near Dos Palos, Cal.

Stinson Bros., makers of carpet, in Philadelphia, gave their men an advance of five per cent. in wages.

State documents in Louisiana show that the Italians recently lynched in that state were naturalized.

A case of smallpox was reported on the ship Kensington, which arrived at New York from Antwerp.

A radical change is being made in the appearance of the baggage, mail and express cars on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The platforms and hoods are being removed to increase the element of safety and save weight. The favorite riding place of tramps is also eliminated when the platforms are removed.

General Manager Underwood has also issued an order to remove the numbers from locomotive tenders, so that in cases of emergency those of the same style will be interchangeable.

Experiments made by the Agricultural Department may revolutionize the manufacture of cheese.

Irrigation of arid lands has proved a partial failure because so much water has been used that it has brought the alkali salts to the surface.

Rev. Dr. George W. Pepper, prominent in the Methodist Church, and once Consul at Milan, Italy, died in Cleveland.

Charles A. F. Audenreth, a Philadelphia retired banker, committed suicide by shooting himself.

Yaqui Indians have plenty of money, arms and ammunition, and a long and bloody conflict is expected.

Two trolley cars on the Sea View road, at Narragansett Pier, collided. The motorman was killed and one passenger hurt. Both cars were fired by the current and burned.

Nearly 40 people were killed by the fall of a trolley car from a high trestle near Bridgeport, Conn. The car turned upside down and the motor and trucks crushed in the floor and mangled the passengers.

By the collapse of a gangplank at Mount Desert Ferry, Bar Harbor, Me., at least a score of people were drowned. Seventeen bodies have been recovered by a diver. Most of those who were lost were excursionists from Bangor, who had come to see the North Atlantic Squadron.

Benjamin H. Snell, a special pension examiner, murdered Lisa Wiessenberger, a 15-year-old girl, in Washington by cutting her throat.

President McKinley has purchased the "McKinley Cottage," in Canton, for \$14,500.

Chicago union men said President McKinley might have to lift the corner-stone of the new Federal building himself.

HUNDREDS KILLED.

Fatal Sweep of a Hurricane in the Antilles.

DESTRUCTION AT PONCE

Humacao in Ruins and Many Were Killed - Montserrat Devastated - Two United States Soldiers Injured at El Cayey and Many Cavalry Horses Killed - Village of Carolina Was Literally Razed.

San Juan de Porto Rico, (By Cable.)—A hurricane broke over the south coast Tuesday morning and swept northwest. There was no abatement for nine hours, the greatest damage being done between 3 and 10 o'clock A. M. The wires were down and communication with the interior was for a time impossible. It is now chiefly carried on by couriers.

At San Juan four natives were drowned in the harbor, 80 houses were demolished and hundreds were uprooted. The damage to property is estimated at \$500,000. Commissary stores to the value of \$50,000 were destroyed.

A dispatch by cable from Ponce says the town was almost destroyed. Almost all the frame buildings are down, the bridge is swept away, and there is no communication between the port and the city proper. The damage to the port is estimated at \$250,000. Two natives are known to have been drowned. The records and property of the custom-house are ruined, and all the vessels are ashore.

At Albonito very little remains standing except the Cathedral and the barracks. Four natives perished and three United States soldiers were badly injured. As the town is without food, Government relief has been dispatched thither.

El Cayey was leveled, 200 houses being demolished. Two United States soldiers were injured there and many cavalry horses killed.

At Catano the entire plant of the Standard Oil Company was ruined. The loss on the property is \$200,000.

At Bayamon a majority of the houses were destroyed and the rest were flooded. Three hundred cattle were killed, and the railway was seriously damaged.

The village of Carolina was literally razed. At Caguas four persons were killed.

Humacao Destroyed. A courier from Humacao, capital of the province of that name, on the eastern coast of the island, reports awful destruction there. The loss to property is estimated at \$500,000, but this is the least item in the disaster.

The courier brought an official report from Capt. Eben Swift, of the Fifth United States Cavalry, who says:

"Humacao was totally destroyed by the hurricane. Forty-six bodies have been recovered, and there are many more in the debris. Eight privates of Troop C were injured, two fatally. Sergeant King, of the Eleventh Infantry, was injured. North, a discharged private, is missing. At the Port of Humacao 18 bodies have been recovered. Eight hundred people are starving here. Three persons were killed at Las Piedras and five at Juncos.

The steamer Sicous, Captain Thomas, en route from Mayaguez to San Juan, was caught in the storm, but her passengers and crew were saved through the heroism of Mr. Single, the first officer. The coffee crop is ruined and the loss will reach millions. Very great injury has been done also to the orange crop.

No reliable returns have yet been received from the southern section of the island, apart from Ponce. It is certain, however, that the food supplies in the stricken districts have been destroyed, and, in these quarters, the quantity of Government stores on hand is small.

FEVER DYING OUT.

No New Cases Reported at the Soldiers' Home.

Hampton, Va., (Special.)—An unchanged report is received from the Soldiers' Home. There have been no new cases and no deaths, and the fever, from all indications, will soon be a thing of the past.

The 11th day's quarantine between this town and Newport News has at last been lifted. The joint meeting of the various boards of health and city authorities settled the matter. There were present at this meeting Drs. Pettus, White, Wasdin, Magruder and Donaldson, of the Marine Hospital Service; and Drs. Pope, Peck, Howe and Boutelle, of Hampton. These physicians were prepared to report upon the excellent condition of Hampton from a quarantine and sanitary standpoint, and when they expressed themselves it was speedily decided to lift the quarantine.

The resumption of business between Newport News and Hampton means a great deal to both cities.

The next move is to open up Backreef, Old Point and Phoebes, which will be done in a few days at most. The quarantine lines will be drawn more closely around the Soldiers' Home, and traffic may be resumed.

Business is picking up considerably, and it is thought it will be normal within a few days.

Deputy Sheriff Shot by Burglars.

Bourne, Mass., (Special.)—Deputy Sheriff Edward H. Burgess, of Monument Beach, was shot by burglars here and his wound is considered dangerous. Stillman Snalley, a watchman at Bourne, who had come to Bourne to assist the deputy sheriff, also was shot, but was only slightly hurt. It is believed that the two burglars who did the shooting were also wounded, as bloody spots were found on the road in the vicinity.

Bloodhounds on His Trail.

Kansas City, Mo., (Special.)—It is reported the sixteen-year-old daughter of J. S. Perkins, a farmer living near Turner, Kan., has been assaulted by a colored man. Bloodhounds were put on his trail. A lynching is probable.

Russia Warns China.

Peking, (By Cable.)—M. de Giers, the Russian Minister, has addressed a note to the Tsung-Li-Yamen, warning that body that the conclusion of an alliance with Japan would give great offense to Russia, and that any consequences to China would be most serious.

A Feud in Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn., (Special.)—A feud has broken out between the Robinson and Savage families in the mountains of Union county, near the Kentucky line. William Savage was shot and killed by Jack Robinson. Savage fatally wounded Robinson.

DROWNED BY SCORP.

Gang Plank Falls With Hundreds of Excursionists.

Bar Harbor, Me., (Special.)—A score of persons were killed Sunday by the collapse of the gang plank of the Mount Desert Ferry. Fully 150 persons were suddenly thrown into the water, and for a few moments it appeared as if half of them would be drowned. The work of rescue was promptly begun, however, and it is now believed that not more than twenty perished.

The Maine Central Railroad ran excursionists to Bar Harbor from all sections of its line in Maine, the attraction being the warships. All the morning long trains packed with excursionists were rushing to Bar Harbor. The train which left Bangor at 8.25 consisted of twelve cars jammed with people. At Mount Desert ferry, the terminus of the line, the train is left for the boat, for an eight-mile sail to Bar Harbor.

From the wharf a slip, or gang-plank, forty feet long and ten feet wide, led up to the boat. The slip was hinged at the inner end, the outer end being supported by chains, by which it was raised or lowered to suit the tide. The wharf extends on both sides flush with the end of the wooden gang plank. Five timbers, four by twelve inches, ran vertically, from the landing to the plank, and these were crossed by two-inch plank. It is said that there was no support for the plank between the hinges at the outer end.

When the excursion train from Bangor arrived at the ferry, there was a rush for the steamer Sappho. The first few passengers had crossed the gang-plank safely, and it is estimated that 200 people were massed upon the plank. Suddenly they felt the plank give way beneath them. The long timber supporting the plank broke in the middle. The hinges held up one end and the chain the other, while the broken ends of the plank dropped, and a struggling, screaming mass of humanity was plunged into the water, fifteen feet below the wharf.

A few clung to the inclined sides of the plank, but at least 150 were struggling in the water. The piling of the wharf partially prevented them in on three sides and the boat lying at the wharf closed the outer end of the opening.

After the first moment of stupefaction, the work of rescue began. Ropes and life preservers were thrown to the crowd, but in the panic the people in the water clutched one another, and many sank thus in groups in a death grapple. Many taken from the water were unconscious and were revived with difficulty. Doctors were summoned from all directions, but it was half an hour before the first arrived. The freight boxes at the ferry was turned into a morgue, the bodies being taken there for identification as fast as recovered. By noon seventeen had been recovered. Three other persons were taken on board the Sappho, and died on the way to Bar Harbor.

MURDERED A CHILD.

Pension Examiner Snell's Horrible Crime in Washington.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)—A horrible murder was committed in the north-eastern section of the city. The murderer was Benjamin H. Snell, a special examiner in the Pension Office, a man about 45 years of age. His victim was Liza Wiessenberger, a girl, 13 years of age, who had been employed in his household until a few months ago, when she was taken home by her parents, who became suspicious of Snell's conduct toward her.

Snell seemed to be infatuated with the child, and paid her a great deal of attention, which, however, she resented. Snell went to his victim's house, and, entering at the front door, passed on through the middle room, where the girl was sleeping, to the dining-room door.

While standing at the door the mother ordered him out of the house. Snell started to go, passing again through the room where the child was.

He bent over the sleeping child and drew her from the bed. The murderer was seen by her from the bed. Snell was seen to enter the girl's hair and throw back her head. Snell drew a razor from his pocket and swept it across her throat. Twice he slashed her throat, and once he missed, cutting a great piece of flesh from her cheek. The head was almost severed from the body, and both the murderer and his victim were drenched with blood.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Engerer William sent a wreath of laurels for Bismarck's tomb at the memorial service at Friedland on Sunday.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, British ambassador to the United States, has been elevated to the peerage.

Testimony given before the court-martial at Madrid tend to show that Generals Toral and Pareja could not defend Santiago.

The Belgian ministry resigned because Parliament rejected all the government electoral bills.

Many arrests were made in Port au Prince, Haiti, two former cabinet ministers being taken into custody.

William C. Lovring, a Massachusetts congressman, was robbed at Ostend, England.

Two of the assassins of President Hereaux, of San Domingo, were captured and shot.

The Shamrock sailed from Glasgow for America, but had to return because of an accident to her bowsprit.

Two galling guns and a detachment of artillery have been hurried to the scene of the Yagui war in Mexico.

Results of the Peace Conference at The Hague are said to be gratifying to the Czar of Russia.

Great Britain will appoint commercial agents in America and other important countries.

There were riots in Bohemia against the raising of the sugar tax.

Canadians are offended with Americans about the Alaskan boundary, and the high officials declined an invitation to Chicago when the corporations of the new Federal building is to be laid.

The reported engagement of Lady Churchill to Lieutenant Cornwallis-West is officially denied.

Cecil Rhodes predicted that the Transvaal affair would be peaceably settled.

A railroad concession was granted in Korea to a German syndicate.

Consul General Goodnow, United States official at Shanghai, has rendered a decision to the effect that China will be liable if arms are shipped to the Philippines from Chinese ports.

President Kruger notified Sir Alfred Milner of his willingness to listen to any friendly suggestion from the British government.

Secretary Iddings, of the United States embassy, gave a banquet at Naples in honor of Admiral Dewey.

M. Delcasse, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, lunched with the Czar at Peterhof Palace.

One train telescoped another at Juvisy, near Paris. Seventeen persons were killed and 73 injured.

A colored American citizen was brutally treated by police officials at Johannesburg.

The Yaki Indians are preparing for a long war with the Mexican government.

The supreme court martial in Madrid acquits Generals Toral and Pareja.

The lightning conductor on the Eiffel Tower was struck by lightning.

The police force of Havana is rapidly growing in efficiency.

Jiminez, who suddenly disappeared with six Cuban soldiers, has returned to Havana.

DREYFUS ON TRIAL.

Long-looked-for Court-martial Begins at Rennes, France.

Rennes, France, (By Cable.)—The court-martial of Captain Dreyfus began Monday—the new trial ordered by the highest court of France after months of patient endeavor, and after the submission of much evidence tending to show that he was the innocent victim of a conspiracy of French army officials.

After a long session, at which the famous prisoner was closely questioned, the court-martial decided by a vote of five to two to sit behind closed doors for several days, in order to examine the contents of the secret " dossier," or series of state documents bearing on the case, and upon which the former conviction was largely obtained.

Esterhazy, Dr. Paty de Clam and Mile. Pavs were not present when the list of witnesses was called, and this caused a delay in the proceedings, as the members of the court-martial filed out to discuss in secret what action should be taken. It was determined to go ahead with the trial, and Major Carriere, the government's representative, said he thought the absence of Esterhazy ought not to prevent the trial proceeding.

Dreyfus was known to be a good deal excited, but he has been keeping a stiff lip and he refused to see the last set of photographs of his children brought from Paris by his brother-in-law.

He had remarked to his brother, Mathieu Dreyfus, on the strangeness of his late, late, strange that he himself could not yet realize it. Nothing, he said, astonished him more than to find factions disputing furiously about him and to learn that he was an object of hatred to most of the officers. He said it grieved him to think that if there were an acquittal it would not change their minds.

Jerome Hall Raymond, the new president of the University of Virginia, was a new-born in early life.

Gen. Lew Wallace is something of an artist, and amuses himself with sketches, mostly marines, in water color.

Albert Pierre Levy, a resident of Atlanta, Ga., was a classmate of Dreyfus, and says the latter was the most popular lad in the school.

John D. Rockefeller recently declared that many men missed their chance for making a fortune by thinking too much about their neighbor's wealth.

Count Casini, the Russian Ambassador, owns a jeweled snuffbox presented him by the Sultan of Turkey for preserving the latter from the hand of an assassin.

Jerome K. Jerome takes his vacations on a farm, where he becomes one of the day laborers. He has studied agriculture both from a theoretical and practical point of view.

VICTIMS OF A LIVE WIRE.

Four Firemen Killed While Doing Their Duty in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., (Special.)—Four firemen lost their lives in a blaze on an upper floor of the Mercer Chemical Company's building, at Eleventh and Harney streets. The fire in itself was insignificant, but the fatalities resulted from contact with a live wire.

Fireman George Farmer and Albert Livingston, of the Chemical Company, also suffered severely from shock.

When the fire had been brought under control the firemen set to work to lower the big extension truck, upon which they had been working. Suddenly there was a sputtering and succession of flashes such as occur when a connection is made with a live wire carrying a high voltage of electric current. The men who were working at the truck lowering the ladder writhed in agony a moment and then fell to the pavement, limp and apparently lifeless.

In lowering the ladder it had come in contact with a live electric light wire carrying a current of two thousand volts. The injured men were at once carried into an adjoining building, and doctors who were present used every means known to revive them. Hopper revived in a few minutes, and saying he was all right, started to walk away. He had only gone about fifty feet when he dropped dead. Geis showed signs of reviving, but when only partially rallied sank back and expired. The other two never at any time showed any signs of animation, and were doubtless dead when picked up.

Walter Gearhardt, an employe of the firm, was knocked down a flight of stairs while working in that building during the fire, and was not noticed for some time. When found he was unconscious from inhaling the smoke, and was revived with difficulty.

ACETYLENE PLANT BLOWN UP.

Town of Wabash Gets a Severe Shock and Is Left in Darkness.

Wabash, Ind., (Special.)—The gas works of the Loganport and Wabash Valley Gas Company were destroyed by a terrific explosion, which shook the city. Supt. Conriller and his assistant, Duncan Edwards, had just completed charging the tanks with calcium carbide and water, from which the gas acetylene is manufactured, and Courtier stepped out of the door. Edwards noticed an ominous bubbling in one of the tanks, and shut off the water. There was a column of flame eighty feet high, surrounding which was the iron roof of the works, and then the bricks and roofs settled back to the ground in a mass. Not a brick was left in position.

The company installed the acetylene plant less than a year ago, it being the first ever put in for illuminating a city with the new light. Scores of plate glass windows were broken by the shock in the business part of town. Edwards was scorched and bruised, but is not seriously hurt. The loss is heavy.

ONE RIVAL KILLS ANOTHER.

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