

MINERS PERISH

Terrific Explosion Near Dayton, Tenn. —Ten Bodies Recovered.

WAS LIKE A VOLCANIC OUTBURST.

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Chattanooga, Tenn. (Special).—An explosion of gas in the Nelson mine of the Dayton Coal and Iron Company, at Dayton, Tenn., at 4:45 P. M., ignited the dry coal dust in the mine and caused a terrific explosion. Twenty-two men are known to have been killed.

The men who work in the mine were required to use safety lamps. It is the rule of the company for the miners to place their fuses ready to be lighted for blasts just before quitting work each day. Firemen go through the mines after all the miners are out and set off these blasts.

The miners quit work at 4:30 P. M. It takes them about 45 minutes to get out of the mine.

The two firemen who are supposed to have caused the explosion were Charles Hunter and John Harney. They shot the blasts at 4:45 o'clock, before all the miners could get out. It is supposed that one of the fuses was defective and resulted in what is known as a "blown blast." The flame shot out from the blast and ignited the gas, which in turn ignited the accumulation of dry coal dust.

The explosion that followed was horrible in its intensity. Flames shot from the mouth of the mine and wrecked the shed at the entrance. Three men were killed while standing outside the mine, two seriously and one fatally injured.

The mine has been the scene of two previous serious explosions. In 1889 four men were killed and eight seriously injured by an explosion of gas. Later, in 1895, an explosion of mine dust occurred, in which 28 lives were lost. In May, 1901, an explosion of a similar nature occurred in the Shallday mine, operated by the same company, in which 21 lives were lost.

Girls Get Out of Burning Building. Philadelphia (Special).—The six-story building at No. 610 and 612 Market street, the first three floors of which were occupied by the George DeB. Keim Saddletry Company, and the other three floors by the Jopis Basis Davis Company, wholesale notions, was completely destroyed. There were about 60 persons, mostly girls, in the building when the fire was discovered, but they were all gotten safely out of the place.

Believes Wilcox Will Hang. Elizabeth City, N. C. (Special).—Notwithstanding so many persons at a distance cannot understand how James E. Wilcox was convicted on the evidence of killing Ella Crosey, most Elizabeth City folk believe the death sentence will stand. District Attorney Ward said: "The notice of appeal has been served on me, and the case will probably be heard in the State Supreme Court next August. I am of the opinion that Wilcox cannot get a new trial. Public sentiment has not changed any as to the verdict and the guilt of Wilcox."

Church Moved Bodily. Parkersburg, W. Va. (Special).—Reports are coming in from the country districts telling of damage by Sunday's storm in the oil fields. Probably 100 oil derricks were blown down. Telephone wires were everywhere laid low. The Lauckport Baptist Church was lifted from its foundation and left several feet away, with the congregation in it. There was a panic, but no one was hurt. Several houses in the suburbs of Parkersburg were also moved from their foundations and half a dozen houses were unroofed.

Tried to Wreck Train. Trenton, Mo. (Special).—George Busch, aged 16 years, and George Young, aged 20, sons of respectable parents of this city, made an unsuccessful attempt to wreck an eastbound Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific passenger train about five miles east of here. The track at this point is on a high embankment, and a derailment could scarcely have occurred without the loss of many lives. Both boys were arrested and have confessed. Their motive appears to have been revenge for having been put off a freight train. Dime novels are believed to have played a part.

A Tunnel Five Miles Long. Auburn, Cal. (Special).—A corps of Southern Pacific surveyors and engineers has just completed a survey for a new tunnel through the Sierras, which will be one of the longest in the world. According to the records of the survey, it will be five miles and 800 feet in length. It will eliminate nearly 1,000 feet of grade and will reduce the length of snowsheds 28 miles. The proposed work will cost millions of dollars and will consume years in construction.

Farmhouse Burned by Lightning. Crown Point, Ind. (Special).—A bolt of lightning during a snowstorm struck the farmhouse of Christopher Larson, near this city, and set fire to the structure. The bodies of Mrs. Larson and her 10-year-old daughter were found in the ruins, burned to a crisp.

Bank Treasurer Ends Life. New Brunswick, N. J. (Special).—John Wycoff, treasurer of the New Brunswick Trust Company, shot himself in the head in the bank building and died two hours later. A meeting of the directors of the bank was called immediately after the shooting and the treasurer's accounts were gone over. It was found that they balanced to a cent. The directors gave out a statement in which they expressed their entire confidence in the treasurer's honesty and assured the public that the funds of the institution were intact.

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

Domestic. Mrs. Addie M. Francis was married by contract in the Tombs in New York to Albert T. Patrick, who has been convicted of the murder of millionaire Rice. A jury was impaneled in Hudson, N. Y., for the trial of the three Van Wormser brothers for the murder of Peter A. Hallenback, a farmer, of Greenport.

A number of hold-ups and murderous assaults were reported in Richmond, Va., and a crusade was begun against negro gambling joints.

Roy C. Tompkins, of Buffalo, was indicted in Winchester, Va., on the charge of paying for peaches with a worthless check.

F. S. Hoback, of Floyd county, Virginia, eloped with the 16-year-old daughter of Judge W. L. Howard.

The Union Trust Company, as receiver of the wrecked City Savings Bank of Detroit, asked the court to permit suit of the stockholders, the assets of the bank being less than \$2,000,000 and the liabilities over \$3,000,000.

The threatened big strike of the weavers in Southern New England has been averted. Many mills have agreed to grant the demanded 10 per cent. increase, and the others are expected to follow.

It is reported in Butte, Mont., that John C. Paulsen, a defaulter, reported to have committed suicide, really fled to Germany, where he is now living with his family.

The training stable of Frank H. Colby, at Highland Park, near Detroit, was destroyed by fire and 17 valuable horses were killed.

There was a rough-and-tumble fight between opposing factions of Seventh-Day Adventists in a church in Chicago.

Charles Woodward, who was sentenced to be hanged at Casper, Wyo., for the murder of Sheriff Ricker, but in whose behalf a stay of execution was issued by the Supreme Court last Tuesday, was lynched at Casper.

The floods in Mississippi, Alabama and other parts of the South have caused the railroad companies heavy losses. At Meridian and Jackson, Miss., many people were driven from their homes.

Dr. Edmund J. James, president-elect of Northern University, in Chicago, in his communication to the board of trustees expressed the view that public sentiment was turning against education.

Mrs. Mary Hively fell into a pot of boiling sugar in Warsaw, Ind., and was scalded to death.

Major J. R. Claggett, of the Second United States Infantry, died in New Orleans.

Foreign. The town of Barabona was attacked and captured by revolutionists after a fight in which 40 were killed or wounded. A government gunboat then bombarded the town and forced the revolutionists to retire.

Mr. Kruger, Dr. Leyds and the Boer delegates in Europe will meet at Utrecht to consider General Schalkburg's peace move. It is still declared that unconditional surrender is out of the question.

It is reported that 70,000 deaths occur monthly from the plague in the Punjab. President Loubet has set April 27 for the general elections in France.

A renewal of the Triple Alliance, with certain modifications, was effected at a conference at Venice between the German Chancellor and the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Jamaicans are generally disappointed over a note from Mr. Chamberlain, the British colonial secretary, withholding his consent to the new constitution.

Sir Thomas Lipton, it appears, suggested the idea of King Edward's coronation dinner to the poor of London.

There were 1,500 Boers within the latest cordon drawn by Lord Kitchener, but all escaped through the gaps in the British lines excepting 170 men, including Commandant H. Kruger. There were exciting races between the British and the Boers, the former recovering two guns captured by the Boers in February. Prayers for peace were offered in the churches of England and Pretoria.

Dr. Leyds, the European agent of the Boers, denied that he was to have an interview with Lord Rosebery and other British Liberal leaders in Paris.

Colonel Grimm, a Russian officer, charged with revealing military secrets to Germany, has been imprisoned.

The Turkish government has ordered the mobilizing of 60,000 troops, it is believed for use in Macedonia.

Turkish troops attacked a Bulgarian post and one Bulgarian was killed and several wounded.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra took their final departure from Marlborough House. They will cruise during the Easter holidays on the royal yacht, and on their return to London will take up their residence at Buckingham Palace.

Kimberly, the "Diamond City," is in mourning, the stores are closed, flags half-masted and work suspended in the mines. The state funeral of Cecil Rhodes will take place April 2 at Cape Town.

The members of the Transvaal government, including Acting President Schalkburg, were at Kroonstad, Cape Colony, the early part of the week in communication with Steyn.

Financial. The Lackawanna has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent. Payable April 21.

The principal movements of currency this week indicate that the New York market has lost \$1,314,500.

The American Sugar Refining Company has advanced the price of soft sugars, Nos. 13 and 14, 5 points.

It is estimated that the world's supply of gold has been reduced by \$30,000,000 during the last two and a half years owing to the closing of the South Africa mines.

ROOFS FALL ON CONGREGATIONS

Many Persons Injured in Accident Caused By Wind and Lightning.

A PREACHER BURIED IN THE DEBRIS.

The Storm In and About Pittsburg Was So Terrific That Tall Spires and Chimneys Were Unable to Withstand the Great Force—In One Church Forty People Were Injured.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—One of the fiercest windstorms ever known in this section struck the city just before noon, and did almost incalculable damage to property and injured many persons, some of whom may die from the effects of their wounds. Scores of houses were unroofed, many trees were blown down, mill stacks toppled over and telegraph and telephone wires generally disabled.

The most serious accident reported up to 9 o'clock was the unroofing of the Knoxville Presbyterian Church, in Knoxville. The church at the time was filled with an Easter congregation numbering about 60 persons. While the minister was in the midst of his sermon a particularly strong gust of wind blew over the large chimney and lifted a portion of the roof of the building. The bricks from the chimney crashed through and carried a huge piece of the hardwood ceiling measuring about 40x20 feet down upon the worshippers in the pews.

An indescribable panic ensued, and a frantic rush was made for the doors and windows. The excitement was soon quieted and the work of rescue begun. At least 40 persons were caught by the wreckage and more or less hurt. Of this number five may not recover.

In none of the other accident reports throughout the city were there any serious injury to persons, though many narrow escapes are recorded. The tow-boat Belle McGowan was blown over in the Ohio River, opposite Sawmill run, and completely wrecked. Her crew narrowly escaped drowning, but all were finally rescued by harbor boats.

The corrugated iron roof of the Union bridge at the point was lifted from its fastenings by the wind and parts of it carried a distance of a mile. The Whitaker schoolhouse, on Mount Washington, was unroofed and its walls badly twisted. Jones & Laughlin had 14 of their furnace stacks blown down, necessitating the shutdown of a portion of their plant for weeks.

A WOMAN FOR CONGRESS. Her Platform is the Golden Rule and Prohibition.

Louisville, Ky. (Special).—Mary Burkhardt, of Lane, Wolf county, has announced herself as a candidate for Congress on the Prohibition ticket in the Tenth District.

She says she will make a house-to-house canvass and will win over her Democratic and Republican opponents by a big vote. Miss Burkhardt is 26, and is an attractive brunette. She possesses about \$20,000 in her own name and says she will spend some of her money in her campaign.

"There is no law," she says, "to prevent me from taking a seat in Congress if I receive a majority of the votes, which I am certain I will. I defy Congress to unseat me. The Golden Rule is my platform, with Prohibition thrown in."

Plot to Kill Waller. Manila, (By Cable).—At the continuation of the trial by court-martial of Major L. W. T. Waller, of the Marine Corps, for the execution without trial of natives on Samar Island, a native scout by the name of Smoke was on the stand. Smoke testified to the existence of a plot among the native leaders of the Waller expedition to murder Major Waller and Lieutenant Williams. He said that when the natives had rationed they shared them with the natives. The scout also said that he personally had suffered severely from hunger.

Boys Skinned a Horse. Mayfield, Ky. (Special).—Two boys aged about 14 years were indicted by the recent grand jury for killing a horse, skinning it and selling the hide for \$1.50. At this term of the Circuit Court they were tried and sentenced to the School of Reform. There being no room there for them, the court ordered the boys whipped until they shed tears. Sheriff Harris was ordered to do the whipping with a new cowhide. The boys' parents paid for the horse.

Whale Sinks a Vessel. New Bedford, Mass. (Special).—Word has been received here by the agents of the whaling bark Kathleen that she had been sunk at sea by a whale. Capt. Thomas H. Jenkins cables from Pernambuco, Brazil, that three of the four boats had arrived at that place. The missing boat contained nine men. The captain's wife and all the officers were among those who reached land. The Kathleen was valued at \$12,000. She was built in 1844. Her gross tonnage was 205.

Refuses Carnegie's Offer. Richmond, Va. (Special).—The City Council has virtually declined to receive the \$100,000 which Andrew Carnegie agreed to give for the establishment of a public library. It would be necessary to set aside \$50,000 yearly for the maintenance of the library. The offer was accepted at first. A board of trustees was elected, but those chosen were not satisfactory, and the finance committee has declined to provide the sum needed to buy a site.

Clarke Wins Arkansas Fight. Little Rock, Ark. (Special).—Returns from the Democratic primaries held Saturday show that ex-Gov. James H. Clarke has been endorsed for United States Senator, and that Governor Davis has carried 65 out of the 75 counties of the State. At the headquarters of Senator Jones a telegram was received announcing that Washington county, which was supposed to be for Jones, had gone for Clarke by nearly 800 majority. Clarke apparently will have a majority of 12 on joint ballot in the Legislature.

LIVE NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Sundry Appropriations. The Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, the most important of the Government supply measures, was completed by the House Committee on Appropriations.

It appropriates \$49,316,395, being \$12,463,042 less than the regular and supplemental estimates and \$12,579,512 less than the appropriation for the current fiscal year.

Among the contract items provided in excess of the present appropriations are for public buildings, \$3,339,646; Yellowstone Park, \$500,000; Louisiana Purchase Exposition, for Government building and exhibits, \$1,048,000; permanent census office and twelfth census, \$1,400,000; seacoast battery sites, etc., \$1,537,050; rivers and harbors, continuing contracts, \$5,882,757.

Some of the other main items are as follows: \$20,000; (Ga.) penitentiary, \$100,000; Chicamanga and Chattanooga Park, \$50,000; Chinese Exclusion Act, \$200,000; defending suits, Spanish Treaty Claims Commission, \$60,000; Leavenworth (Kan.) Penitentiary, \$250,000; enlargement of military posts, \$1,537,050; preventing deposits in New York harbor, \$50,000; portrait of William McKinley, \$2,500; Shiloh Military Park, \$40,000; Vicksburg Military Park, \$100,000.

The public building items of \$50,000 or over include: Baltimore, \$100,000; Brunswick, Ga., \$50,000; Chicago, \$1,000,000; Newport News, Va., \$50,000. The river and harbor contract items over \$50,000 include: Charleston, S. C., \$50,000; Allegheny river, Pennsylvania, \$18,000; Monongahela river, West Virginia, \$35,000; Congaree river, South Carolina, \$50,000; Ocmulgee river, Ga., \$56,000; Savannah river, Georgia, \$86,000; Tampa bay, Florida, \$86,000.

The bill contains a general provision directing the Secretary of War to report at the next session of Congress a proposition for the consolidation of the existing commissions having charge of the several national military parks or substituting therefor a commission consisting of one or more members to have charge under the War Department of all military parks.

Department Will Not Act. The State Department will take no steps to bring to the attention of the Danish Government the charges against the integrity of American statesmen preferred by Capt. Walter Christmas and brought to the attention of the House of Representatives by Mr. Richardson.

The department regards the charges as unworthy its attention by reason of insufficient evidence and obvious error in statements of alleged facts. The department, it is said, is aware also that the Danish Government does not intend to pay one cent of the \$500,000 claimed by Christmas as his commission, so that none of that money could be used to corrupt American Statesmen and newspapers.

Evans Sends in Resignation. Commissioner of Pensions Evans has placed his resignation in the hands of the President. It will not take effect until some important position in the diplomatic service is found for him.

The pension committee appointed at the last annual encampment of the G. A. R. to investigate the affairs of the Pension Bureau, has made its report to the President. It has not yet been decided as to when the report will be made public, if at all. It is stated that the policy of Commissioner Evans will be continued by his successor.

To Prevent Fights in Senate. The Senate Committee on Rules has modified an amendment to the rules proposed by Senator Hoar, which is intended to prevent the use of language likely to provoke violence on the floor, as in the Tillman-McLaurin episode. The rule says:

"No Senator in debate shall, directly or indirectly, by any form of words, impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator. No Senator in debate shall refer offensively to any State of the Union."

Secretary Taylor in Trouble. The attention of the President having been called to alleged interviews with Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor in a number of newspapers, in which he had put himself in the position of opposing certain provisions of the Chinese exclusion bills now pending in Congress, Secretary Shaw has been requested by the President to examine into the matter and to report to him as to the truth of the allegations. As Secretary Shaw is in New York, no action will be taken by him in the direction of carrying out the President's instructions until his return.

New Design for the Flag. Representative Shafroth, of Colorado, introduced a bill prescribing the size of the field of the United States flag and the arrangement of the stars.

The field shall be square and one-third the total length of the flag. The stars of the 13 original States are to be in a circle, surrounding the stars of the 30 admitted States in the form of a star, with the stars of the last two admitted States (Wyoming and Utah) temporarily one to each side of the interior star.

Capital News in General. Senator Concha, the Colombian minister, delivered a protest to Secretary Hay declaring that the Colombian government will interpose no obstacle to the proposed building of the Panama Canal.

Captain Perry, of the Iowa, satisfied Secretary Long that there is no foundation for the story that he has been guilty of indiscretion.

Henry White, secretary of the embassy at London, is a candidate for the vacancy to occur in the Italian embassy.

The Senate Committee on the Philippines directed a favorable report on the Philippine government bill.

Chairman Payne, of the House Committee on Ways and Means, reported the Cuban reciprocity bill.

The friends of Estes G. Rathbone are making an effort to have him pardoned. Secretary Shaw appointed Robert B. Armstrong to be his private secretary.

President Roosevelt sent to Congress the correspondence relating to the request of General Miles to be sent to the Philippines and the refusal to comply with his request.

The engagement was announced of Miss Alice Hay to James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of Genesee, New York.

President Roosevelt vetoed the bill to release Emanuel Klausner, who had been found guilty of desertion by court-martial.

SLAUGHTER IN CHINESE RIOTS

Hundred of People Killed in the Chi Li Province.

MISSIONARY WARNED TO KEEP OUT.

The Attempts of Local Officials to Collect Indemnities for the Catholic Missionary Claims, as Arranged Between the Officials and the Priests, Cause the Trouble—Moved Down by Troops.

Pekin (By Cable).—Chinese officials say that 1,000 people have been killed in riots at Ta Ming Fu, the southernmost prefecture of the Province of Chi Li. This, perhaps, is an exaggeration, but the loss of life was undoubtedly great.

The riots were due to attempts of local officials to collect indemnities for the Catholics, as arranged between the officials and the priests.

Soldiers have been dispatched to quell the disturbance, and a total has been sent to adjust the differences.

The officials warn the missionaries to keep out of the disturbed district.

Such resistance to the payment of missionary claims is to be expected in localities where the population is poor and large sums are levied.

The latest reports from Ta Ming Fu say the greatest loss of life occurred during the fight between Yuan Shi Kai's soldiers and the populace. The inhabitants of several villages, who were enlisted in the so-called United Villagers' Society, resisted the soldiers, but as most of the villagers were only armed with spears and swords, they suffered great slaughter.

VERDICT FOR TICKET SCALPERS. Chicago Judge Decides That Tickets Passing Through Their Hands Are Good.

Chicago, (Special).—"However reprehensible and odious to a railroad company a ticket scalper may be, there is no law that invalidates a ticket which otherwise is valid because it passes through his hands."

Judge Chytrous, of the Superior Court, has given this opinion in a suit for damages brought by Moritz Horowitz against the Chicago and Northern Pacific Railroad Company. Damages of \$250 were agreed upon.

While traveling with his wife to Minnesota on a ticket purchased from a scalper in Chicago, which had originally been issued to a Michigan newspaper, Horowitz was confronted by J. C. Pond, general passenger agent of the road, who happened to be on the train. Horowitz and his wife were ejected from the train at Lake Villa, 51 miles from Chicago.

The attorney for the road argued that Horowitz had been guilty of a constructive fraud.

GOVERNMENT SOUNDS GERMANY. Wishes to Know Latter's Attitude on Chinese Question.

London (By Cable).—A dispatch from Berlin says that the United States has been sounding the German government to see how far the latter was willing to go to maintain the open door in China. A definite statement was requested. Germany's reply was that while it stood for the open door, it would not oppose anything that Russia really desired.

Washington (Special).—This Government recently had its attention called to reports that Germany intended to maintain exclusive trade relations with the Shantung peninsula, which is nominally within its sphere of interest.

The Government has become satisfied that Germany has manifested no such intention, and stands by her previous assurance that she will recognize the open door.

Under the agreement of the Powers, as the outcome of the Peking negotiations, all of them are bound to the open-door principle.

A \$51,000 Bank Transfer. Chicago, (Special).—Stockholders of the Corn Exchange and Merchants' National Bank have ratified the proposition to consolidate the two institutions under the name of the former.

The transfer of a large part of the Merchants' cash has been effective already. The enlarged Corn Exchange will have a capital of \$2,000,000 and a surplus of \$2,000,000. The institutions recently reported deposits aggregating about \$51,000,000.

Young Woman's Body in Mill Pond. Charlotte, N. C. (Special).—News has reached here from Wilkes county, N. C., of the finding of the body of a young woman in a mill pond. The unfortunate girl was Sarah Bengie, the daughter of a farmer, and she had been missing for three weeks. Evidence of blows on the head were discovered and there was a large bruise on the breast. There was no water in the lungs.

Youthful Brothers Drowned. Middleboro, Ky. (Special).—Thomas and William Warren, aged 12 and 15 years, respectively, were drowned in a flood which swept down the Powell Valley. Their father's house was wrecked but they escaped with their mother by swimming. The loss in that section is estimated at over \$50,000.

James R. Garfield Accepts Position. Washington, D. C. (Special).—James R. Garfield, a son of the late President Garfield, has accepted the position of civil service commissioner tendered him about ten days ago by President Roosevelt. He takes the place vacated by Mr. William A. Rodenberg.

\$350,000 Fire in Guthrie. Guthrie, Okla. (Special).—Guthrie was visited by a \$350,000 fire, and as a result the State Capital printing plant, the Hotel Capitol, the St. James' Hotel, the Cammack livery barn and the Richey general merchandise store are in ruins.

Everything in the State Capital newspaper plant was destroyed, including two presses, machines of every kind, linotype machines, electric and steam heating system, libraries and a large stock of supplies. The loss of the various buildings is \$350,000.

BULGARIA'S SLAP AT AMERICA.

Turns Down Mr. Dickinson as Diplomatic Agent.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—As one result of his activities in the Stone case, Mr. Dickinson has lost his position as diplomatic representative to Bulgaria.

When he was in Sofia last fall he addressed some very strong representations to the Bulgarian Minister for Foreign Affairs, and apparently he has not been forgiven, for now information comes to hand that he is persona non grata.

A minister or diplomatic agent cannot be retained at his place against the will of the country to which he is accredited, and that is Mr. Dickinson's position. It is very probable, however, that our government, as a manifestation of its displeasure, will refrain from sending another diplomatic agent to Sofia, though it will not be thus prevented from making any demands upon the Bulgarian government in the matter of the Stone case, which the inquiry now in progress may seem to justify.

The Bulgarian government has no representative here. Mr. Dickinson is consul general at Constantinople, besides being diplomatic agent to Bulgaria, and receives a lump salary of \$5,000 per annum. It is not likely that he will suffer financially by this Bulgarian action.

HATFIELDS IN A BATTLE. Two of Them and Two Officers Killed—Revival of Feud.

Williamson, W. Va., (Special).—Sensational reports were received here about another fight with the Hatfields, in which four men were killed, among them being Harry Watts, proprietor of the Palace Hotel here. John Rutherford, a detective, had a warrant for the arrest of Ephraim Hatfield, who is wanted in South Carolina. He finally located Hatfield in Pike county, Ky. Watts went with Rutherford, and they found Ephraim at the home of his father, Thompson Hatfield, on Blackberry Creek.

Rutherford and Watts broke in the door and secured Ephraim, when the father opened fire on them. Both officers and both Hatfields were killed. The wife and little children witnessed the tragedy. The Rutherfords were relatives of "Cap" Hatfield, of feud fame. Rutherford was a brother of the two Rutherfords killed at the election in 1896 by "Cap" Hatfield.

Watts was well known throughout the southern part of the State. It is said he could have saved himself had he not stopped firing for a moment when one of the Hatfield children was within his range. The excitement among the feudists is as great as at the time of the burning of the McCoy's at the stake by the Hatfields years ago, and more trouble is expected.

Shot Former Wife and Himself. Emporia, Kan. (Special).—Stephen G. Conkling, of the grocery firm of Emery & Conkling, shot his former wife and then shot himself. He is dead and she is not expected to live. Domestic troubles caused the tragedy. Last February Mrs. Conkling obtained a divorce, and since that time he has been trying to induce her to return to him.

New Counterfeit in Circulation. Washington, D. C. (Special).—The secret service announced that a new five-dollar national banknote counterfeit, the face of which is fairly deceptive, is in circulation. It is a photographic print on two pieces of paper, with fibers between, on the Union National Bank of New Orleans.

Another Gift to President. Washington, D. C. (Special).—President Roosevelt has received through the German Embassy another remembrance from Prince Henry—a porcelain reproduction of the German Navy, the whole being under glass and surrounded by a massive gold frame. This great fleet floats, as it were, on the sea, and each miniature warship is complete in every detail. The coloring is exquisite.

Old Coin Counterfeits. Lima, O. (Special).—A stranger giving his name as H. B. Smith, tried to sell two silver dollars of the famous \$64 issue for a small pittance here. They are worth \$2,000 each and his generous offer aroused suspicion. The dollars are pronounced counterfeit. Smith was arrested and turned over to the federal authorities.

Fire in State Prison. Auburn, N. Y. (Special).—A fire in the chair shop at the State prison caused considerable excitement among the prisoners until the flames were extinguished by the convict fire department. The loss was insignificant. The chair shop is separated from the condemned murderers' cells only by a narrow alley.

Well-Known Diplomat Dead. Hanover, Prussia, (By Cable).—Prince Berneburg, better known as Count von Munster-Ledenburg, who was, during the course of his career, German Ambassador to France, Great Britain and Russia, is dead. He was born in London on December 3, 1820.

Long Favors Use of Water Bottle. Denver, (Special).—Responding to a letter forwarded to him asking for his opinion in the matter, ex-Secretary of the Navy John D. Long says that personally he favors the christening of the new cruiser Denver with water instead of wine.

Postmaster Kills a Man. Washington, D. C. (Special).—Postmaster General Payne has received this telegram from Postmaster John R. Guyer, at Clayton, N. M.: "I was attacked in the postoffice, and in defense of myself and my office, shot and killed a man."

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE NEWS. Governor Montague, of Virginia, commuted the death sentence of William O. Boyle, convicted of the murder of Alma Hamilton, his mistress, to life imprisonment.

The discharge of 15 union miners at the Fairmount Company's mine at Mt. Clare, W. Va., is causing serious trouble and a number of men are under arrest.

During the trial by court-martial of Major Waller, a native scout testified to a plot among the native leaders of the Waller expedition to murder the Major.