

WAS LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE

Two Men Killed and Sixteen Severely Injured.

OVER HUNDRED PERSONS SHOCKED.

Magazine of Dynamite and Blasting Powder in Giles County, Va., Blown Up—The Mangled Bodies of Two Laborers Found Near the Wrecked Building—The Earth Shaken for Miles Around.

Roanoke, Va., (Special).—By the explosion of a large quantity of dynamite and blasting powder stored in a magazine in Giles county, two men were killed outright, 16 were more or less injured and about 100 others severely shocked. Westbound passenger train No. 1 on the main line of the Norfolk and Western Railroad was going at full speed past the magazine, which was located 200 yards from the tracks, when the explosion occurred. The windows of the train were broken and the coaches in other ways damaged, and not a single person on the train escaped injury or shock. The earth was shaken for miles around and people at a distance thought an earthquake had occurred.

The two men killed were laborers and their mangled bodies were found near the wrecked magazine.

A special train with surgeons on board conveyed the wounded to Bluefield, where they were placed in a hospital. It is not known what caused the explosion.

SLEEP THAT ENDS IN DEATH.

Pope Leo Lying in Coma on Brink of Eternity.

Rome (By Cable).—The Pope lies in a state of coma, and there are grave doubts in the minds of his doctors whether he will ever completely emerge. His immediate dissolution seems to be only averted by the reliability of the action of his heart. His pulse, though weak, continues steady. Shortly after midnight Dr. Laponi said:

"The Pope at the present moment is in a state of coma, which may be called a condition preceding the last agony, the duration of which it is impossible to forecast, although everything leads to the belief that this condition cannot last. To be more exact, he is still in a state of torpor and stupor from which, however, he rouses occasionally when he hears sharp sounds as, for instance, the insistent voice of one of his familiars calling loudly for him. Left alone he relapses immediately into a condition of torpor. At intervals he murmurs in his sleep, continuing to have forebodings that he is being abandoned by his valet, Centra, and myself. These are the symptoms of incipient cerebral anemia and general exhaustion."

"He can no longer turn in his bed without assistance, and is being kept alive by artificial stimulants. During the last 23 hours he has had two injections of camphorated oil, three of caffeine and two hypodermics of salt water, besides drinking stimulants."

Injured By Dynamite.

Trenton, N. J. (Special).—An unusually peculiar accident made necessary the killing of a horse belonging to Jas. H. Romaine, the proprietor of the hotel in this city, while Mr. Romaine and the other occupants of the carriage to which the horse was attached had a narrow escape from personal injury. The horse, which was one of a team that was being driven along the road near Ewingville, stepped on a stick of dynamite. The dynamite exploded and blew off one of the horse's hoofs. The vehicle was partly shattered by the explosion, but the occupants were not hurt.

Palma Pleased With Treaty.

Havana (Special).—President Palma has sent a letter to President Roosevelt expressing his personal gratification for the consideration shown by the United States throughout the negotiation of the treaties with Cuba and also his pleasure over the satisfactory conclusion regarding naval stations and the Isle of Pines. The Cuban Administration is greatly pleased over the action of the Senate on the treaties which, it believes, relieves what might have developed into an embarrassing situation both for the United States and Cuba.

Hawaii to Kill Mosquitoes.

Honolulu (Special).—The Board of Health, having become convinced that the germ of the dengue, a disease now epidemic in the islands, is spread by mosquitoes, has planned a war on those insects. Other interests will aid the board and it is hoped eventually to exterminate the mosquito in the islands. It has been announced that the Chinese here will hold a mass-meeting to make an emphatic protest against their exclusion from the United States.

Murder and Explosion.

Salinas, Cal. (Special).—Charles Craven, the son of a local rancher, killed Sadie Block, a young woman, and committed suicide. Their bodies were found with their throats cut. It is said the girl was the daughter of the president of the Block Manufacturing Company of Virginia.

Four Killed By Train.

Cincinnati, O. (Special).—Four persons were killed near the Avondale suburban station, on the Cincinnati, Lebanon and Northern division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, while walking on the tracks. They were Louis and William Murr, messenger boys, aged 13 and 11 years, and two unidentified young men. While walking through a deep cut on a curve they got out of the way of an outgoing excursion train and were struck on the other track by an incoming passenger train.

THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

Domestic.
Mrs. Grace Taylor had three young men arrested in New York on the charge of attempting to rob her of a chetaine bag containing \$40,000 worth of jewels. She admitted having taken a drink with the men, and was herself fined \$3 for intoxication, a policeman having made that charge against her.

Dr. Thomas Berryhill, U. S. N., surgeon of the cruiser Baltimore, has cured himself of tuberculosis by camping out and living in tents on ranches in Indian Territory and Southwest Texas.

Counsel for George W. Beavers, former chief of the Division of Salaries and Allowances of the Postoffice Department declared that he is not a fugitive from justice.

The body of a stylishly dressed woman was washed ashore at Port Stanley, Ont. A wound on the temple aroused suspicion of foul play.

Michael Quinlan, while robbing a saloon in Brooklyn, was shot and killed by Benjamin Haggerty, his companion.

Helen Olson, of Montevideo, Minn., is expected to die as the result of an attack made upon her by a negro intruder.

The Mercantile Trust Company of New York filed a petition in Newark, N. J., to foreclose the \$16,000,000 mortgage of the United States Shipbuilding Company.

The International Retail Clerks' Convention in Zanesville, O., elected officers, and decided to hold the next convention in Galveston, Tex.

Secretary Hay left Washington for his summer home on Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire, where he will remain until autumn.

The Cuban Congress passed an appropriation of \$80,000 for expenses of a Cuban exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition.

Mrs. Annie Mull and her child died from poisoning in Seattle, Wash., and E. C. Connell was arrested on suspicion.

Secretaries Root and Moody issued orders for the formation of a joint army and navy board.

William Patterson died in Kalamazoo, Mich., from excessive use of tobacco.

Frank Will, a tramp, who raped the 11-year-old daughter of John M. Barkley, a farmer of Indiana, Pa., was shot by Barkley and then arrested.

Twelve Chinese miners were killed and eight injured in an explosion due to fire damp that occurred in a coal mine near Nantamoy, B. C.

The Chicago City Council granted the franchise to construct parcels tunnels to the Illinois Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Enrico Canapa and his wife fought in their apartments in New York until the wife was killed and the husband severely injured.

Ten persons were injured, three seriously, in a wreck on the Missouri Pacific, near Kansas city, Missouri.

The Mountain Inn Hotel at Pine Hill, N. Y., was destroyed by fire, the guests fleeing in their night clothes.

Alfred Knapp, the self-confessed strangler, was convicted of murder in the first degree in Hamilton, O.

Foreign.
In consequence of the Kisheneff outrages many Jewish families left that section and went to other villages, contrary to the law. The police commissaries have, accordingly, been notified to expel "such Jews from localities where they have no right to live."

The Odet river, in Germany, has overflowed a number of towns, causing loss of life and property. The entire portion of Glogan, in the vicinity of the cathedral, is submerged.

The French Chamber and Senate have suspended their sittings on account of the government's announcement of a ministerial crisis.

The Russian Foreign Office states that the Manchurian question has not yet reached a stage justifying a formal statement.

The steamer Peter, plying on the River Voga, was burned and 60 of those on board were drowned.

The United States gunboat Bancroft took under American protection at Ciudad Bolivar, the besieged city of Venezuela, the steamers of the American-Orinoco Company. Upon invitation of the commander of the Bancroft, all women and children of the American and other foreign colonies at Ciudad Bolivar took refuge on the steamers.

The battleship Kearsarge started from Portsmouth, England, on her speed trip across the Atlantic to Frenchmans Bay, Maine. Admiral Cotton transferred his flag from the Kearsarge to the Chicago and the ships separated.

Concerning the raising of the American flag on seven small islands off the northeast coast of Borneo, it is explained that the Sultan of Jolo exercises power over those islands.

Ambassador Choate communicated to the British Foreign Office the assurance given by China and Russia to the United States respecting the opening of the ports in Manchuria.

A number of Portuguese army officers have been arrested on the charge of conspiring against King Charles, and they will be tried by court-martial.

The American and Mexican International Silver Exchange Commissions met the representatives of the German government at Berlin. It is understood that the British and French governments have refused to obligate themselves to the purchase of a fixed amount of silver for India and colonial coinage.

The interchange of courtesies between King Edward and President Loubet are taken as an indication that Great Britain is seeking to maintain such relations with France as will prevent the latter from supporting Russia in the event of war with Japan.

Financial.
The directors of the Boston & Montana have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share.

The weakness of Amalgamated is due to the expectation of a cut in Lake copper to 13 1/4 cents this week.

Amalgamated directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of one-half of one per cent., 50 cents per share.

The Galveston "News" estimates that there is a decrease in the cotton acreage of Texas this year of 8 1/2 per cent.

ISLANDS ARE UNCLE SAM'S

Secretary of State Hay Can Substantiate His Claim.

CONSIDERED OF STRATEGICAL VALUE.

The State Department Ready to Answer Lord Lansdowne's Inquiry When It Arrives and Justify the Raising of the American Flag Over the Seven Islands Off the Coast of Borneo—How They Came Into Our Possession.

No communication has yet reached the State Department from the British government about several islands off the coast of Borneo, now in possession of the United States, which some members of the House of Commons seem to think belong to Great Britain.

The State Department, however, is prepared to give a prompt and conclusive answer when Lord Lansdowne's inquiry reaches here. Before leaving Washington Secretary Hay looked personally into the matter and satisfied himself that the British government had not the shadow of a claim on the islands in question. When the inquiry reaches here Acting Secretary Loomis, in replying will call the attention of the London government, first, to the treaty of 1885 between Great Britain, Germany and Spain, by which the last-named nation was to have title over all the islands outside a marine league's distance of the Borneo Coast. Later, in the treaty which this government negotiated with the Sultan of Jolo for the purchase of certain islands belonging to him, a draught clause was inserted, claiming for the United States all those islands which had been ceded to Spain by the treaty of 1885. On file in the office of Rear Admiral Bradford, chief of the Bureau of Equipment, are the charts and maps showing the location of the seven islands in controversy. Baganan, Tagacan, Bakungaan, Lihiman, Boam, Siboung and Langkayan. The islands are clearly outside of the marine league of the Borneo Coast, and, therefore, under the terms of the two treaties, belong to the United States.

It is said at the Navy Department that facts, recently sent one of the Philippine gunboats to the islands to survey them and mark them as American territory.

It is explained that the islands have strategical importance, and for this reason the United States under no circumstances would part with them.

USED DESPERATE MEANS.

Tombstone Desecrated and Bible Mutilated to Forge Evidence.

Kansas City (Special).—The last of the suits brought by W. C. Priddy and other heirs of Nancy Priddy to secure possession of residence property on Independence Boulevard in this city valued at \$1,000,000 was decided against the complainants by Judge James Gibson in the Circuit Court. Nancy Priddy died in Oregon in 1892 at the age of 66. A tombstone placed over her grave was put in evidence by the defendants, who asserted that the figures had been changed to "60" in an effort to prove that the woman, when she transferred her property years ago, had not been of age. It was shown also that the family Bible containing the date of birth had been mutilated. In deciding in favor of the defendants, who include some of the most prominent men of Kansas City, Judge Gibson said: "I believe the tombstone was desecrated and the family Bible mutilated for the purpose of this suit."

Dog Swallows \$100.

New York (Special).—Miss Bessie Hardenburgh, stamp clerk in the Treasury postoffice, owns a Skye terrier worth \$100 more now than formerly. Miss Hardenburgh says: "I drew from the bank two \$50 bills. I put an elastic band around them and tucked them away in my dress. I went to my home in New York, and never thought of my money until on my way to Tartarytown. Then I telephoned home and a search was made for the money. In one corner of my bedroom a few pieces of the bills were found. My Skye terrier was continually coughing, and during one of his spells he coughed up the elastic band that was around the money. I wish he would cough up the hundred."

Antitoxin for Tetanus.

New York (Special).—Antitoxin proved efficacious in the treatment of tetanus at the Harlem Hospital in the case of Carrie White, aged 17 years old. She was shot in the hand with a toy pistol on the Fourth. On Sunday tetanus developed, her jaws locking tightly. She was fed through a tube, and every six hours 20 cubic centimeters of the antitoxin solution was injected into her spinal column. Friday brought the first signs of recovery. The jaws began to lose their rigidity, and the patient was able to open them with a little effort. It is expected the cure will be thorough within a few days.

Electrician Shocked to Death.

New York (Special).—James Martin, 30 years of age, electrician in charge of the transforming station of the Edison Electric Light Company, in Hudson Park, was shocked to death while on duty. A current estimated at 7000 volts passed through the man's body. Martin was alone when the fatality occurred. It is supposed he was "testing out" when his right hand came in contact with one of the wires. The hand was nearly burned off.

Five Persons Killed by Tornado.

Streator, Ill. (Special).—A tornado killed five persons, injured a score of others and caused a property loss of \$2,000,000.

(Special).—The Vulcanian Western Company's plant suffered heavy loss. Purcell was killed there. The Indiana, Illinois and Iowa bridge, costing \$1,000,000, is nearly half gone. The hoisting works and buildings at Spring Hill shaft were ruined. Many buildings in Kangley, four miles west of Streator, were blown down and several persons were injured.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Russia Agrees to Open Door.

The open door in China is assured. After years of hard work Secretary Hay's efforts have been crowned with success, and what threatened for a time to be a serious difficulty with Russia is straightened out in a most amicable manner. The State Department received official assurances from the Chinese government that in the near future it would open to the world's trade several new ports in Manchuria, two, and possibly three, are now being considered in this connection. Not only has the Chinese government given this notification, but Russia has officially conveyed the formal assurance to the United States that it will not oppose in any way the opening of these ports. This means that the details which will undoubtedly include the making of a treaty are to be arranged by the representatives of the powers at Peking, and until this is done the particular ports to be thrown open will not be known, but it is understood that they will be Mukden, the most important internal port of Manchuria, and Ta Tung Kao, on the Yula River. Although in the official communications received no time is set for the opening of these ports, it is understood that the promulgation will be issued soon after the Russian evacuation in September.

It was stated that before Count Cassini left Washington, and during the call of Secretary Hay upon the Russian Ambassador on the embassy on June 28, the intimation was given by the Russian Ambassador that he was authorized by his government to state that the pledges given by his government that Russia would not interfere with China's granting of the open door in Manchuria were then in a process of realization. It is stated that he further assured the Secretary of State that before he reached his home the formal announcement of the open door would be made.

Later Mr. Hansen, the charge of the Russian embassy, during his call at the State Department, reiterated these pledges and reduced them to the form of written promises, intimating that he would be able within a few days to add final approval of the government to his undertaking.

It now remains for Mr. Conger to define the treaty which he is negotiating with China the terms and conditions under which the new ports are to be opened.

Refuses to Receive It.

The State Department has received a reply from Russia stating that it neither would receive nor consider the matter of the Jewish petition on the subject of the Kisheneff outrages. This information came in the form of a cablegram from Mr. Riddle, the American charge at St. Petersburg, to whom was committed the delicate task of inquiring of the Russian government as to its attitude with respect to the presentation of the petition.

It is believed that this will end the matter and that no further steps will be taken by this government to bring the views of the petitioners to the attention of Russia, although as yet no consideration has been given by the President to the course to be pursued in the light of Russia's response to our inquiry.

Cost \$24,051 to Collect \$1,000.

The feature of the annual report of the Auditor of the Treasury Department is the table showing the receipts and expenses of the several customs districts, which, in some cases, seem to be altogether disproportionate.

In 28 districts, embracing the East, West and South, the aggregate average receipts per annum for the last five years was \$1006. The expense of collecting these revenues for the year 1902 amounted to \$24,051.

The auditor recommends such legislation as will remove existing complications and establish for each port a definite compensation commensurate with its volume of business.

Preference to Old Veterans.

Acting Commissioner Williams, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, by direction of Secretary Shaw, has issued a circular letter to collectors of internal revenue calling attention to President Roosevelt's order of January 17, 1902, directing that preference shall be given alike in appointments and retention in the public service to honorably discharged soldiers of the Civil War. Collectors are instructed to carefully observe this order in making assignments to the work of gauging and recommending assignments to the work of storekeeper and storekeeper gauger.

In the Departments.

Col. Thomas H. Barry, adjutant general's department, has been selected for brigadier general in the permanent service to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Gen. Leonard Wood.

Treasurer experts fix the shortage of James A. Watson, the defaulting clerk in the auditor's office, at \$73,307.

The President has directed that commissions be made out for Gen. Young as lieutenant general, and for Brigadier Generals Sumner and Wood as major generals, and for a number of colonels to be retired as brigadiers.

The University of North America was incorporated in Washington.

George W. Beavers, formerly chief of the salary and allowance division of the Postoffice Department, was indicted by the federal grand jury in Brooklyn. A bench warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, upon his return from the West, said the abnormally cool weather and the rain had retarded the corn crop.

The conference between Secretary Hay and Theodore Hansen regarding the Manchurian situation was most satisfactory.

REFUGE ON AMERICAN SHIP

Many Foreigners at Ciudad Bolivar Given Protection.

NO ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN FORCES.

Many Women and Children Board American Steamers of the Orinoco Company, Which, Under Escort of U. S. Gunboat Bancroft, Sail Away From the Besieged Venezuelan City.

Soledad, Venezuela (By Cable).—Notwithstanding that the armistice terminated at midnight, no engagement between the government forces and the rebels had taken place up to 9 o'clock a. m. General Gomez has completed the investment of Ciudad Bolivar, and none can now leave the city.

Lieutenant Commander Culver, commanding the United States gunboat Bancroft, after a long conference with the commanding officer of the Venezuelan squadron, decided to take under his protection all the river steamers belonging to the American Orinoco Steamship Company, which were recently seized by the revolutionists at Ciudad Bolivar.

He also requested the women and children of the American and other foreign colonies at Ciudad Bolivar to take refuge on the steamers in order to escape the dangers of the siege, the shelling of the town and a possible battle. In accordance with Lieutenant Commander Culver's invitation many women and children, a number of whom were of German nationality, embarked early today on the American steamers, which flying the American flag and escorted by the Bancroft, left in the direction of San Felix, probably on the way to the Island of Trinidad.

Meat, Milk and other provisions are already scarce in the besieged town. The British Consul paid \$150 for a cow. The swift current running in the Orinoco River, as the result of heavy rains, prevents direct communication between Soledad and Ciudad Bolivar. The revolutionists have also destroyed the means of transport between the two towns.

Chief Arthur Drops Dead.

Winnipeg, Man. (Special).—P. M. Arthur, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, dropped dead at midnight while speaking at the banquet closing the annual union convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which has been in session for the past few days. Mr. Arthur had just arisen to respond to a toast and repeated the words: "It may be my parting words to many of you," when he fell backward and expired a few minutes afterward.

Four Burned to Death.

Bonner Springs, Kan. (Special).—Four persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed Bonner Springs Sanitarium at Bonner Springs, Kan., seventeen miles west of Kansas City. Dr. Rogers, steward, lost his life in an attempt to save a woman patient. There were thirty inmates in the building, but all escaped except four. Loss, \$20,000.

To Test Submarine Boats.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Secretary Moody intends that exhaustive experiments shall be made with all the submarine boats that the government has on its hands as soon as the summer maneuvers are over. If not found satisfactory he will recommend to Congress that no more money be appropriated for this type of craft.

Kills Girl; and Then Himself.

Baker City, Ore. (Special).—To avoid arrest on the charge of eloping with a 15-year-old girl known as "Bloehom," A. A. Earl, of Coldwell, Idaho, shot and killed the girl and then himself. Earl was 35 years old and left a wife and two children.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

A number of Rhode Island cotton mills shut down on account of the condition of the market.

Four persons lost their lives in a fire at the Bonner Springs Sanitarium, near Kansas City.

Benedict Himmel, a farmer living near Erie, Pa., shot and killed his wife and himself.

Dr. Barnett, the acting chief of the sanitary department, announces that only three cases of yellow fever have entered Havana harbor this year.

Five workmen were injured by the parting of the cable of an elevator in the new Hotel Stratford, in Philadelphia.

The sale of the Clarton Steel Company to the United States Steel Corporation has been consummated.

Hudson Samson, a well-known philanthropist in Methodist Episcopal Church circles, died in Pittsburgh.

The strike of the employees of the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company has been declared off.

William Thacker, white man, was lynched at Flemingsburg, Ky.

The steamer Nadjeka, plying on the Volga, has been destroyed by fire near Nizhny-Novgorod. Twelve persons were burned to death.

According to a decision of the Utah Supreme Court, a man is under moral, but not legal, obligations to support his plural wives.

War Secretary Brodrick announced in the British House of Commons that it had been decided to keep a force of 25,000 men permanently in South Africa.

W. E. Ashton, calling himself an American author, was committed for trial in London, charged with forging checks for \$2,600 in the name of Laird Scholes & Co., of Philadelphia.

The British Foreign Office has no information of the reported seizure of some 20 islands off the coast of Borneo by American warships, and not much importance is attached to the report.

The United States International Exchange Commission was received in Berlin by Dr. von Muehlberg, the undersecretary for foreign affairs.

Several persons were killed and 30 or 30 injured in the wreck of the Southport express near Liverpool.

A young woman, frenzied by religious mania, attempted to burn herself to death on the beach of the Gulf of Finland, near the Sergievo Monastery.

STUNNED WITH ROCK THEN HANGED.

Kentucky Mob Was Tired of the Law's Delay.

Maysville, Ky. (Special).—Enraged at the tardiness of the courts, a mob broke into the Flemingsburg Jail and hanged William Thacker, a white man, who had been given a life sentence for the murder of John Gordon two years ago.

Thacker in a quarrel with Gordon at Foxport shot and killed him and then sat on the body with a Winchester rifle in hand, while he smoked his pipe and dared anyone to attempt to arrest him. At the time Thacker escaped, but was later arrested and lodged in jail at Flemingsburg. He was given two trials and finally got a life sentence.

Gordon was a good citizen and an inoffensive man. After being sentenced Thacker appealed to the Court of Appeals, and was waiting for another trial. Thacker had some money and was able to command the support of some influential men, and it was feared that he might escape punishment altogether.

The mob collected at Mount Carmel, where Gordon once lived, and came in order not to arouse suspicion. They advanced upon the jail shortly after midnight. The jailer refused to surrender the keys. He was overpowered and the keys taken from him. Thacker was hurried to a tree near the jail and was given time in which to say his prayers, which he refused to do, but begged for his life.

To hush his cries, he was hit on the head with a rock and his unconscious body strung up until life had become extinct.

WENT DOWN THREE HUNDRED FEET.

Mrs. A. E. Johns, of New York, Plunges Into Crevasse in Yosemite Valley.

Yosemite Valley, Cal. (Special).—Mrs. A. E. Johns, of New York city, who has been staying in the valley for a few days, was found Tuesday morning in a steep crevasse back of the Sentinel Dome. Monday Mrs. Johns started from Glacier Point Hotel to walk to the fissures, located some two miles from the hotel, and did not return at night.

Early Tuesday morning searching parties started out, and one of them made a discovery that filled the spectators with horror. Far down the Sentinel fissure, whose crevasses drop in some places for thousands of feet, suspended on a ledge that jutted out from the steep side, the almost lifeless form of Mrs. Johns was found by Mr. Potter, a hotel clerk. She was too weak to speak, but was able by feeble signs to make Mr. Potter know that she still lived.

After trying in vain to work his way down the mountain side to her, Mr. Potter was forced to go to the hotel for help. Provided with plenty of ropes and carrying a stretcher, a party of eight made its way back to the crevasse, where the work was commenced of trying to extricate Mrs. Johns from her dangerous situation.

Mrs. Johns is suffering much from nervous shock, but as no bones were fractured she will recover.

MRS. JAMES G. BLAINE DEAD.

Widow of the Famous Leader Passes Away From Old Age.

Augusta, Maine (Special).—Mrs. Jas. G. Blaine, widow of the noted statesman, who was the Republican candidate for President in 1884, died at the Blaine homestead here.

Mrs. Blaine was 76 years of age. From Washington, a short time ago, she came to the old family residence on State street. She was in an enfeebled condition and had been under almost constant medical attention since. During the past week she failed rapidly. Her condition was due to a general breakdown of the system.

Mrs. Blaine's maiden name was Harriet Stanwood, daughter of a leading citizen of the State of Maine. She met her husband while both of them were teachers in a school in Kentucky. They were married at Pittsburg, and later came to Augusta, where Mr. Blaine became editor of the Kennebec Journal.

She left one son, James G. Blaine, and two daughters, Mrs. Harriet Beale and Mrs. Walter Damrosch of New York.

Lehmman Convicted.

St. Louis (Special).—The jury in the case of Julius Lehmman, former member of the House of Delegates, charged with bribery in connection with the passage of the City Lighting Bill, returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty. His punishment was fixed at seven years in the penitentiary—the longest term yet inflicted in any of the boodle cases. The sentence is also the maximum punishment under the law for the crime of which he was convicted. It took the jury just seven minutes to reach its verdict.

Declared Insane.

Washington (Special).—General Corbin has approved the recommendation of General Bates in the case of Lieut. William K. McCue, First Infantry, and the officer is now on his way to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane, in this city.

The papers in the case have been received at the War Department, and show that surgeons who have examined McCue pronounce him insane. Among the papers is one tendering his resignation as an officer while in the Philippines.

Novel Cause for Divorce.

Dublin, Ind. (Special).—In the case of Mrs. Kendall against her husband, Alfred Kendall, a wealthy farmer, the complaint sets forth a unique ground for divorce. Mrs. Kendall is 45, while her husband is 65. Mrs. Kendall alleges that it was a frequent occurrence for Kendall to come to bed with his boots on, and that she has been damaged to the extent of \$500, which she demands in her suit.