

## LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE

**Two Tons of Dynamite Are Exploded by Lightning.**

**HOUSES ARE ROCKED BY THE SHOCK.**  
**A Twenty-Pound Stone Falls Through a House a Quarter of a Mile Away—None Killed, but Several Injured—The Lightning Kills Two in Carolinas—Charleston Harbor Light Struck.**

Akron, N. Y. (Special).—In a heavy thunderstorm lightning struck a dynamite magazine just outside the town line. Two tons of dynamite belonging to the Akron Cement Company were exploded. There was a tremendous concussion, and people hurried from their houses, fearing an earthquake. Houses rocked and glass was broken for miles around.

A 20-pound stone fell through the roof of the home of J. H. Price, clerk of Erie county, a quarter of a mile from the scene of the explosion.

The Catholic Church was so shaken that candles on the altar tipped over. No one was killed, but several persons were slightly injured.

Raleigh, N. C. (Special).—A disastrous rain and electric storm did great damage in Stanley county about Al-  
bamarle. Corn in the lowlands was destroyed. Four tenement houses on the edge of the town were struck and damaged by lightning, their occupants being severely shocked.

The family of Zago Smith was terribly shocked, and his daughter Addie was killed instantly. Her body was badly scarred and disfigured. Her clothing was torn and her shoes were taken completely off her feet.

Charleston, S. C. (Special).—During a violent electric storm a negro woman was killed in the suburbs and the harbor light of the United States government in St. Philip's steeple was extinguished.

The bolt is supposed to have struck and demolished the pipe which furnishes the gas. The woodwork in the belfry was ignited, but the flames soon were extinguished by the fire department. A lamp has been substituted in the steeple for the regular light.

Topeka, Kan. (Special).—Heavy rains throughout the eastern and central portions of the state have caused all the streams to rise. The Smoky Hill, Blue and Solomon Rivers all are high.

Many persons in North Topeka are moving out of their homes, although there seems to be little danger. While some damage has been done, no repetition of the May flood is feared.

### HIS STRANGE REQUEST.

**Shanklin's Ashes Scattered Upon the Grave of His Parents.**

Chicago (Special).—The body of the late John Gilbert Shanklin, of Evansville, Ind., was cremated at Graceland Cemetery, in this city, and the ashes were taken back to his former home by relatives. During his life Mr. Shanklin was deeply attached to his parents. His jealous care of them when they became feeble and old, and his grief at their death marked him as an unusual man.

According to his dying wish, impressed time and again upon his executors, his ashes will be sprinkled over the graves of his parents. Mr. Shanklin was widely known throughout the Middle West. He prospered through real estate deals and was highly respected by all who knew him. His parents are buried in beautiful Oak Lawn Cemetery at Evansville, and brief funeral services were held there over the remains of Mr. Shanklin before the body was brought here for incineration.

### Caught Convicts Quickly.

Columbus, Ohio (Special).—Lewis Harmon, the convicted murderer of George Geyer, near Altont; Robert Shifflet, Franklin county, charged with horse stealing; Otis Keller, another alleged horse thief, and Lewis Eytong, an alleged forger, of Dayton, escaped from the county jail in broad daylight by filing off a bar in the bathroom. The work is supposed to have been done with a potato knife filed in the shape of a saw. Harmon, Eytong and Keller were captured by the Marshal of Canal Winchester, in this county, about noon. Shifflet, the fourth convict, was with them, but escaped.

### Abouts Also Did Murder.

Indianapolis (Special).—Rufus Cantrell, the chief of the negro ghetto, who is serving a sentence for grave robbery, has made a sworn confession to former Superintendent Byers, and it was forwarded to the Attorney-General that the State may take action upon it. The confession deals with several murders that have occurred in this city, and the correctness of dates and circumstances shows that Cantrell had an intimate connection with them. He admits participating in most of the murders and of having a guilty knowledge of the others.

### His Sentence 99 Years.

Henderson, Texas (Special).—Isham Strong, the negro surrendered by a mob which had taken him from the officers for the purpose of lynching him, was indicted and placed on trial for attempted criminal assault. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to imprisonment for 99 years. He was taken to the penitentiary this afternoon.

### Jack Will Prove Fatal.

Schenectady, N. Y. (Special).—K. Reaski, a lad employed at the works of the American Locomotive Company, is dying as the result of a cruel practical joke. Stephen Boroski is under arrest, charged with responsibility for the act, and other arrests are to follow. A compressed air hose was pressed against the body of Reaski and a quantity of the contents turned on. The lad was taken to the hospital, screaming with pain, and it was found that he was internally injured.

## THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

**Domestic.**

Judge de Balt, of the territorial circuit, refused to grant an injunction to the Hawaiian Commercial Company against the Wailuku Sugar Company. A gigantic corporation has been formed in Trenton, N. J., to acquire and operate department stores in all parts of the United States and Europe.

The Missouri World's Fair Commission report that the collection of exhibits representing the different resources of the State are progressing rapidly.

One man was killed and several others were injured by being swept off their feet by the projecting ends of a hook and ladder in New York.

William H. Matthews, of Brooklyn, has received a medal of honor for distinguished gallantry in action before Petersburg.

Charles A. Gould and his wife were seriously injured by being thrown from their automobile.

Harry Howard, an aged negro waiter, killed his white son-in-law in New York.

A number of cotton mills in Massachusetts have closed down for a month.

A national immigration congress is to be held in St. Louis next June.

In the Caleb Powers trial at Georgetown, Ky., the charge was made by the defense that the jurors had been summoned by partisan agents. The judge overruled motion to discharge the entire venire.

The Cash Buyers' Co-operative Society was incorporated in Trenton, N. J., with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000, to conduct department stores.

The shortage of Thomas W. Deavey, the absconding cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Newbern, N. C., is now shown to be \$125,000.

In an address in Chicago Dr. Henderson, of the university of that city, said that county jails are the most disgraceful things in this country.

Henry S. Louchheim, of the Philadelphia banking firm of H. S. Louchheim & Co., died in Zurich, Switzerland.

Will Hudson and Will Jones, both negroes, were hanged in Birmingham, Ala., for highway robbery.

Two sisters, aged, respectively, 18 and 13 years, were asphyxiated by gas in Philadelphia.

Mary Lowe, aged 15 years, daughter of Henry Lowe, engineer of the United States Steel Corporation, died in Los Angeles, Cal., while her father was speeding across the continent on a special train to reach her bedside before her death.

Charles J. Davis, a forger, who had violated the parole under which he was released from the Illinois State Reformatory, surrendered himself to the New York police and asked to be confined again.

Miss Louise Haby, 17 years of age, effected her escape from a ranch in South Dakota, where she had been held practically a slave, having been sold by her father when she was a child.

Albert W. Deibel, teller of the Canton (O.) National Bank, has been arrested. Criminal proceedings have been taken, charging him with embezzling \$22,000.

Conrad Schroeder, a millionaire contractor of Scranton, Pa., committed suicide by shooting himself.

In Philadelphia, Annie E. Shapley confessed that she had raised United States postal orders.

### Foreign.

Attorney General Finlay, in London, ordered the investigations of Promoter E. T. Hooley in connection with the Sapphire Corundum Mine of Canada.

The British commission reported that flies were the active agents in disseminating enteric fever among the soldiers during the Boer war.

Colonel Schiel, who was a commandant in the Boer army during the Transvaal war, died in Munich.

Andrew Carnegie has offered the City of Dublin the sum of \$140,000 toward the erection of a free library.

It was reported in Vienna that Premier Hedyard of Hungary had tendered his resignation to Emperor Francis Joseph.

There was a fight between French troops and Moors who had crossed the frontier in pursuit of insurgents.

Whittaker Wright was released from jail, satisfactory sureties for his \$250,000 bail having been furnished.

King Edward has approved the appointment of Lord Northcote as governor-general of Australia.

A parliamentary paper was issued in London giving the terms of the agreement between the British Admiralty and the International Mercantile Marine Company.

A number of Serbian officers were arrested at Belgrade on suspicion of conspiring against the War Minister.

Sigfried Wagner has finished his new opera, entitled "Goblin," which will be given its premiere at Leipzig.

The government was defeated in the British House of Lords on three amendments to the Irish Land Bill.

## CRASH AT BASEBALL PARK

**The Collapse of a Walk Crowded With Spectators.**

**FOUR KILLED, OTHERS INJURED.**  
**A Hundred and Fifty More or Less Seriously Hurt—The Terrible Accident Due to the Curiosity to See a Quarrel Between Drunken Men—Panic on the Stands—Street Looked Like a Field of Battle.**

Philadelphia (Special).—Four persons are dead, at least 12 are thought to be fatally injured and fully 150 others hurt, some seriously, as the result of an accident which occurred at the Philadelphia National League baseball park. A boardwalk which overhung the left field bleachers fell to the street, carrying 200 spectators.

Two games were scheduled between Boston and Philadelphia, and the attraction drew over 10,000 people to the ball park. The accident occurred at 5:40 o'clock, while the Boston team was at bat and in its half of the fourth inning of the second game, and was indirectly due to a quarrel between two drunken men in the street. The National League stands are built of steel and brick, the brick wall extending entirely around the grounds. At the top of the leftfield seats and extending from the grandstand to the end of the bleachers there was a walk about three feet wide, which overhung the street. It was this walk which gave way under the heavy weight.

Men who were standing on the walk were attracted by a disturbance in the street. They leaned over the side of the railing to see what the trouble was, and this drew the attention of other spectators sitting on the top rows of the bleachers. Then occurred what is seen almost every day at a ball game—a rush to the other spectators who were looking at it. The walk became overcrowded, and without a moment's warning 200 feet of it fell to the sidewalk 20 feet below, carrying all who were on it. There were probably 3000 persons sitting in the left-field bleachers, and the roar made by the falling timber created a panic.

Instantly the spectators rose en masse and made a rush down the stand into the playing field. It was one great black wave of humanity. Men and boys clambered over one another in their effort to escape from the grounds. Not knowing what had occurred, the ballplayers and others tried to stop the mad rush, but they were swept aside in their unsuccessful efforts and several persons were badly hurt in the crush.

Outside the grounds the scene was one of horror. For an entire block on Fifteenth street—from Huntington street to Lehigh avenue—men and boys were lying writhing in agony. Some were buried under the wreckage, others were lying in the gutters and dozens were stretched out in Fifteenth street on the car tracks. Some lay unconscious, others were rolling over suffering great pain and other attempted to get up and walk only to fall again. The 10,000 persons within the grounds left the place and crowded about the injured, of whom there were more than 100. Indescribable confusion reigned for a time because of the great crowd.

Fortunately there were at the game several city officials. As soon as they saw what had occurred they telephoned to the city hall, and a general ambulance call was sent out.

While waiting for conveyances to carry the victims to hospitals thousands of willing hands looked after the injured. They were carried from the street and laid on the sidewalk, and some were taken into nearby private houses. All the houses in the vicinity were thrown open to the victims.

One of the largest street-car barns in this city is situated across the street from the ball park and all the wrecking cars and teams were gotten ready to transport the injured to hospitals. One wrecking car was quickly filled with helpless men and rushed south of Fifteenth street to St. Joseph's Hospital, more than two miles away.

Others were quickly loaded into wagons and taken to the city hospital. The street car company and rushed to the Samaritan, St. Mary's, the Jewish or St. Luke's Hospitals. Nearly every injured person taken away was covered with blood and the street looked like a field of carnage.

**Saved By a Belpin.**  
**Asbury Park (Special).**—A belpin saved the life of Mrs. McMichael, who is staying at a local hotel with her daughter.

While fishing party on the Shark river. While baiting their hooks the sharp crack of a rifle was heard and Mrs. McMichael felt something strike her in the back. A second bullet whizzed past Mrs. Beers, another of the party. Then the men with the rifle, who were on the Belmar side of the river, were warned by shouts to stop shooting.

They did so and decamped hurriedly. Investigation showed that the bullet had struck Mrs. McMichael's belpin and had been deflected.

**Soon Tired of the Stage.**  
**Los Angeles (Special).**—The two-week vaudeville career of Mabel McKinley, which closed at the Orpheum here Sunday, was her last appearance in vaudeville, she has decided to quit stage life for good, owing to objections of her father and husband, Dr. H. L. Baer, of New York. As daughter of Abner McKinley, brother of the lamented President, whose favorite niece she was, Mrs. Baer gained theatrical renown, and in reality commanded her own price. She was a clever artist, and sang with taste and finished style, but her name was her biggest drawing card. Mrs. Baer is a cripple, unable to take a step without crutches.

**Shot and Killed His Daughter.**  
**Neillsville, Wis. (Special).**—During a family fight in the town of Seif, Gottlieb Schultz shot and killed his daughter, Mrs. Patrick Leyden. Leyden himself received a bullet in the chest, and is expected to die. Schultz's skull was crushed, but he is expected to recover.

Mrs. Schultz was injured also. Schultz has been awaiting trial for an alleged attempt to kill his wife, and is believed to be mentally unbalanced.

## NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

**May Have Left the Country.**

Postoffice Department officials believe George W. Beavers, former Superintendent of the Division of Salaries and Allowances, now under indictment, has left New York for parts unknown.

After Beavers was indicted by the Brooklyn grand jury for conspiracy to defraud the impression prevailed that he was where inspectors could put their hands on him at any time and that the Government did not care to make public the evidence against him at a preliminary hearing before a United States commissioner.

Many stories have been printed concerning Beavers' movements in New York, but they have all been second hand. The public has heard nothing from persons who have actually seen the mysterious Beavers.

Postoffice Department officials are said to have been approached within the last 24 hours by persons who asked that August W. Machen's bond be increased, to make it certain that he will not flee from the country to escape the charges which are pending against him. Since the return of the indictments against Machen the Department of Justice is in charge of his case and must decide whether his bond is sufficient.

It has been predicted that the former Superintendent of Free Delivery will leave the country and forfeit his bail, if there be no other way of escaping trial on the charges of conspiracy brought against him in connection with the Postoffice Department scandals.

**Domestic Trade is Good.**  
Internal commerce conditions in the United States are reported by the Department of Commerce and Labor, through its Bureau of Statistics, and shows that the first half of the current year compares favorably with the corresponding period of 1902 and 1901.

With a few exceptions, the volume of trade thus far this year equaled, if not exceeded, that of last year, though occasionally falling below the high level of 1901. There is no evidence, says the Bureau, of a general recession in commercial activities corresponding to the extraordinary shrinkage in speculative values.

Western staples for this year have gained materially over last year, receipts of live stock at five markets having amounted to 15,126,661 head, compared with 14,958,345 head in the first six months of 1902.

Wheat receipts at eight interior markets for the crop year ended June 30, 1903, were 236,075,669 bushels, compared with 221,756,387 bushels in 1902.

Total shipments of provisions from Chicago and Chicago points for the first 26 weeks of 1903 were 621,133 tons, against 653,217 tons in the same period of 1902 and 566,029 tons in 1901.

**General Miles in Retirement.**  
At noon Saturday Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles relinquished the command of the Army and was placed on the retired list, in accordance with the statute requiring the retirements of officers of the Army at the age of 64 years.

All during the morning General Miles held a reception of Army officers at his office in the headquarters of the Army, and a large number of officers in full dress came to bid him farewell and pay their last respects to the General.

Promptly at noon General Miles, accompanied by Colonel Reber, his chief of staff, left his office at Army headquarters, walked through the corridors of the War Department and left that building just as the clock was striking 12, walking across Pennsylvania avenue to Seventeenth street and then proceeded to his home, on N street.

**Sternberg Received.**  
Sagamore Hill, President Roosevelt's country home, was the scene of an interesting ceremony. Baron Speck von Sternberg, who has been Minister Plenipotentiary of Germany to the United States since Ambassador von Holleben returned to Europe and who recently, on the retirement of Mr. von Holleben, was elevated to the rank of Ambassador, presented to the President his credentials as Ambassador and was received formally in his new diplomatic rank by President Roosevelt.

**In the Departments.**  
Major Edwin C. Carter, Bishop Brent and Dr. Albert have been appointed as an opium commission to visit countries where the drug is used.

Rear Admiral George W. Melville, who was retired for age last January, relinquished his duties as chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering.

The Navy Department authorized a denial of the report that the European Squadron is destined for Chinese and Japanese waters.

Lieutenant General Young issued an order assuming the command of the army of the United States.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles retired from the command of the Army, having reached the age limit.

John F. Carnell, 63 years old, a veteran clerk of the office of the auditor for the Postoffice Department, formerly of Iowa, was arrested by post-office inspectors on the charge of opening letters addressed to the auditor and appropriating the contents. Matter sent in decoy letters was found on him.

The Interstate Commerce Commission ordered a temporary extension until October 13th of the time within which railroads must complete their safety equipment.

The President has designated Lieutenant General Young to command the Army from August 8, the date of the retirement of General Miles, until August 15, when the General Staff Law goes into effect.

The Interstate Commerce Commission gave a hearing to railroad companies which ask for time in which to equip their rolling stock with safety appliances.

Because of his lack of Civil War service of at least one year Col. Henry Lippincott, of the Medical Department, will not be retired.

## CIRCUS TRAIN WRECKED

**Twenty-Three People Were Killed in the Collision.**

**ENGINEER LAYS IT ON THE BRAKES.**  
**Two Sections of the Train Came Together With a Fearful Crash—The Victims Suffered Torture Before Death Relieved Them—Pitiful Condition of the Wounded as They Were Taken to the Hospital.**

Durand, Mich. (Special).—An air-brake on the second section of Wallace Brothers' circus train refused to work in the Grand Trunk railway yards here, causing a collision between the two sections, in which 23 people were killed and about 300 injured.

An official statement issued by the Grand Trunk road says that the air-brakes were not applied by the engineer of the second section, as he had claimed.

The circus travels in two trains of about thirty-five cars each. After the night's exhibition at Charlotte the two trains left for Lapeer, over the Grand Trunk road, the second section leaving a half hour after the first. It was 3:45 o'clock when the first section pulled into the west end of the Grand Trunk yards here. A red light was hung on the rear car to stop the second section.

Engineer Propst of Battle Creek, who was running the engine of the rear train, says he saw this light, and applied the airbrake. To his horror, it refused to work. He reversed his engine, but the momentum of the heavy train behind was too great, and with a crash that aroused all of the town near the yards, the second section crashed into the first.

Three cars of the stationary first section were telescoped, and the engine and five cars of the moving train were demolished.

Engineer Propst, Fireman Colter and Head Brakeman Benedict, who was also on the engine of the second section, all agree that if the brakes had worked there would have been no accident.

The escaping steam and screams and cries of those pined in the wreck made a horrifying spectacle in the gray of the early morning, when the trainmen in the yards and the aroused townspeople first reached the scene. Many feared at first that some of the menagerie had escaped, as some of the animals could be heard crying. A fire whistle was sounded and the whole town was aroused. The rescuers could see unfortunates in the tangled wreckage and were furiously to work without waiting for tools to extricate them.

A wrecking crew is kept in the yards here and it was on the scene in a few minutes, bringing tools and equipment in plenty. All the physicians and trained nurses in Durand were sent for and those in nearby places were rushed to the scene on handcars. The Hotel Richelieu was converted into a temporary hospital, and the injured persons were taken there as fast as the rescuers could extricate them. The dead, many of them so terribly mangled that identification seemed well nigh impossible, were carefully laid on the green sward a short distance from the scene.

By 6 o'clock a corps of 12 physicians was operating on the injured and dressing their wounds in the temporary hospital. Four of the injured died at the hospital before 8:30 o'clock and a fifth at noon.

When the wrecking-train crews had finished pulling to pieces the tangled and broken cars 17 dead men were lying on the grass awaiting removal to the morgue. A minority of them were killed while asleep.

Wallace Brothers say that their loss was very heavy, but have given no estimate of it as yet. This is the second wreck that the Wallace shows have suffered within a month.

**BLOOD TO FLOW IN MACEDONIA.**  
**Struggle Likely to Be a Bitter One—Kurds Being Armed.**

Salonica (By Cable).—A special messenger from Monastir reports that the Bulgarian insurgents have dynamited the Konak (governor's palace) in the Town of Krushovox, 23 miles north of Monastir. Fifty Turks were killed.

A detachment of Ottoman troops has burned the village of Dihovo, near Monastir.

Eight Turkish battalions have been dispatched to Monastir and three battalions to Salonica from Kosovo.

Telegraphic communication with Monastir is still interrupted.

Constantinople (By Cable).—Consular advices which were received here from Monastir indicated that the situation in Macedonia was constantly growing worse.

At a meeting of the ministers it has been decided, therefore, to adopt measures of extreme severity in order to suppress the revolution. It is reported that Albanian troops will be employed, in which event massacres are almost inevitable.

The Bulgarian exarch was summoned to the Yildiz Palace Wednesday, and urged to make a final appeal to his flock to deliver up their arms and thereby avoid bloodshed.

The menacing attitude of the Kurds in Armenia is causing increasing alarm at Erzeroum, Bitlis and Kharpout. It is asserted in some quarters that the authorities are secretly arming the Kurds, while endeavoring to convict the Armenians of revolutionary intentions.

Sofia, Bulgaria (By Cable).—The newspapers announce that Prince Ferdinand is returning.

**SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.**  
Announcement was made at the Building Trades Employers' Association board in New York that a general arbitration board had been organized to take care of all differences between employees and the unions which have signed the plan of arbitration.

Hurlbutt, Hatch & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have failed. The firm was composed of John H. Hurlbutt, E. S. Hatch (a board member) and J. E. Smith. The copartnership was formed September 12, 1892.

**Fatally Injured in Wreck.**  
Portsmouth, Ohio (Special).—Southbound Norfolk and Western passenger train No. 8 was wrecked at East Portsmouth by spreading rails. The engine left the track and turned over, and Engineer William Simonton, of Columbus, Ohio, was caught under the wreck and fatally injured. Fireman S. N. McDonald, of Portsmouth, was also probably fatally injured. Twenty-five were more or less injured, but none fatally.

## STROKES WORLDS FAIR.

**Storm Kills One Man and Injures Eight Others.**

St. Louis (Special).—One of the heaviest storms of the year, though of brief duration, swept over St. Louis. The furious wind tore through the World's Fair Grounds, killing one man, probably fatally injuring another and seriously injuring seven others, besides causing damage to World's Fair buildings and other property generally throughout the city to the extent of \$10,000.

The dead: Theodore Richter, of Kirkwood, florist.

The injured: A. R. Clark, carpenter; taken to hospital in dying condition. William Koch, carpenter. Henry Fahrnkopf, carpenter. Ray Mannville, laborer. John W. Wheelhouse, Staffworker. Adrien Smith, painter. Phynex L. Goin, carpenter. Charles Covington, laborer.

The day had been extremely warm. The temperature registering 94 degrees. Suddenly the sky began to grow dark, and soon after the storm broke with the force of a gale. In the city pedestrians hurried to shelter and the wind swept through the streets, causing little damage outside of broken windows here and there, the falling of a few street signs and leveling of shade trees.

At the World's Fair grounds the agricultural building was struck by the gale, and six laborers working on scaffolding were hurled to the ground.

Theodore Richter, a florist from Kirkwood, a suburb, was on the ground running to shelter when a flying plank struck him.

The World's Fair department turned out and hastily dug the injured from the debris and hurried them to the hospital. A. R. Clark was so badly injured that it is believed he will die.

**Knocked Senseless by Lightning.**  
Louisville, Ky. (Special).—Fire caused by lightning destroyed the Bourbon Stockyards and two buildings adjoining. Four hundred and fifty head of sheep were burned. The loss is about \$250,000, with insurance one-half. Captain Elbert Diliman and Pipeman Richard Moore were injured by falling timbers.

**Knocked Senseless by Lightning.**  
Mishawaka, Ind. (Special).—A storm at noon did great damage here. Five persons were knocked senseless by lightning. Several buildings were burned and chimneys, trees and fences were leveled. One of the injured men may die.

**Killed by a Bolt.**  
Hillsdale, Mich. (Special).—Herbert Cox, aged 11 years, was killed by lightning while standing in the door of a large barn owned by Jonas Brown, five miles southwest of this city. Mr. Brown was struck and seriously injured, but will recover. The barn was totally destroyed.

**USED AX ON WIFE AND KNIFE ON SELF.**  
**Jersey City Man Attempts to Kill His Spouse and Cuts His Own Throat.**

New York (Special).—Edward Wood, 53 years old, tried to kill his wife and himself at their home on the second floor at No. 153 Morgan street, Jersey City. He struck his wife three times on the head with an axe and then cut his throat with a tableknife, which had been ground down to a razor edge. Wood and his wife are in the city hospital. The woman has a chance of recovery, but it is thought Wood will die.

Wood has had trouble with his wife on various occasions and the police say he served a term of 18 months' imprisonment for beating her. They have two sons, Edward, 26 years old, and Arthur, 23 years old. The sons on Monday last put their father out of their apartments, but allowed him to sleep in a hall bedroom. Wood had been drinking heavily, it is said, and had made himself a nuisance to the rest of the family.

After the older son had gone out, Wood knocked on the door of his wife's room and asked her for a drink of water. She opened the door and went to the kitchen to get the water. Wood followed her, and on reaching the kitchen picked up an ax and struck his wife three times on the head with it. She fell to the floor unconscious. Wood then turned to a table, and picking up a knife drew it across his throat.

**Earthquake in California.**  
San Francisco (Special).—Reports received from different portions of California say but little damage was done by the seismic disturbance, although it was quite severe. The tremor was centered at San Jose, where numerous windows and much crockery was broken. Mrs. P. M. Lussan, a sufferer from heart disease, died during the shock. Lick Observatory reports the shock the heaviest in the history of the place. The indicator of the seismograph was dislodged, and no record obtained. In San Jose, the shock lasted from twenty to thirty seconds, and was from east to west.

**Farmer Murdered By Employee.**  
Rensselaer, Ind. (Special).—Charley Medworth, a farmer living near Mough Ayer, eight miles west of here, was murdered by his farm employe, known only as John. The murderer set fire to the house and the bodies of both were found in the rains. The man had worked for Medworth for three years, and always refused to give his name. They had quarreled over a settlement.