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PITTSBURGH, TUESDAY, DEC. 17, 1890.

AN ABORTIVE VERDICT. The report which reached THE DISPATCH, night before last, that the jury in the Cronin case had reached an agreement, may have been correct, but the inference based on that belief are proved by the verdict to have been all wrong.

THE LAWRENCE BANK MUDDLE. The resignation of Assignee McKelvey, of the Lawrence Bank, yesterday, is a rather peculiar occurrence of the discussion over the failure of that institution.

ACCORDING TO THE doctrine of general average, the cargo of the ship, the rate 1890 will have no bad weather at all. The entire stock must have been exhausted in 1889.

AT THE THEATERS. Monte Cristo at the Bijou—East Lynne at the Harris—Other Plays.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE. The Cologne Gazette has the report that Emu Paine is making rapid progress toward recovery.

BASEBALL IN A FOG. Quoque tandem? How much longer are you going to abuse our patience, O professional ball players?

BASEBALL FIGHTERS' PUNISHMENTS. It may have escaped notice that Jake Kilrain was last week convicted before the same judge who sentenced Sullivan, of assault and battery.

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