

AGGARD'S GREATEST FEAT... FORTY-FOURTH YEAR.

Speaker Reed Will Go on With the Work of Congress.

PLAN OF THE MAJORITY To Force the Minority to Always Maintain a Quorum.

SEATS TO BE FILLED BY ARRESTS. President Harrison Shows a Hog in Mistake for a Deer.

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ELEVEN OREGATED.

A Family of Ten and a Visitor Burned in Their Beds—Spectators Found It Impossible to Save the Inmates.

HANCOCK, Mich., December 29.—A calamity not surpassed in the annals of the country occurred at 3 o'clock this morning at Hironawa. A family named Gross, consisting of the parents and eight children, with a visitor, were in a burning dwelling.

They ran to the partition door and found the room a mass of flames. Smoke and fire were ascending the stairway, and the boys were jumping through the window.

They reached the ground seriously out of breath, and in a semi-conscious condition. One attempted to enter the house on the ground floor, where the mother and two children slept, but was driven back by the flames that enveloped the building.

In the course of three hours a searching party went over the ruins and discovered the charred remains of the 11 bodies, distinguishable only by the size of the bones.

They were gathered in a ditch beyond the site of the public hall. The victims were: Theodore Cross, aged 7; his wife, aged 44; Catherine, John, Tony, Mary, Lizzie, Joseph, Nicholas, and the child Erbet, of Mrs. Cross and Lena Erbet, of Luke Linden, a guest.

The young people range from 2 to 22 years. There is no reliable information as to how the fire started. Theodore Cross, Jr., says that it might have originated from a lamp that he supposed he extinguished because he went to bed.

There are rumors that the children were playing with a match, but this is not thought that any vessels were caught in the fire. One of the incidents of the horror in this case was the blowing away nearly every window pane.

The general snow fall which reached the twin cities early yesterday evening had strengthened to a gale of the blizzard persuasion later, and a heavy snow storm was being driven across the country.

A dispatch from San Antonio, Tex., says: The first genuine "norther" of the season made itself felt this morning, and the mercury falling 27° in 24 hours.

COULDN'T KEEP THE CHOIR QUIET. So a Young Preacher Abruptly Dismisses His Congregation.

ARLINGTON, N. Y., December 29.—When the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of this city was seen coming from the church at 11:30 o'clock this morning—half an hour after the time for the morning service to commence—many wondered at the cause of the tardy service.

The congregation of this church includes some of the wealthiest people in the city, and the incident has caused a great sensation.

GREETING GLADSTONE.

An Address to the Grand Old Man Signed by Many Prominent Americans—Speaker Reed Refuses to Attach His Name.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. BUFFALO, December 29.—Exile John J. McBride has received from the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew his autograph to address to the Hon. William R. Gladstone, testifying to the sympathy of the American people for Mr. Gladstone's efforts in behalf of home rule in Ireland.

This address has been signed by nearly all the Congressmen, many Senators and several Catholic prelates, including Cardinal Gibbons. President Harrison has also signed it.

Mr. Gladstone holds a place in the veneration and affection of the American people second only to our own President.

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AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY. Looked Upon With Considerable Favor by Employers of Labor.

SOME WILLING FOR SIX HOURS. President Gompers Pleased With the Outlook at the Present Time.

NEW YORK, December 29.—The headquarters of the American Federation of Labor, looking upon the prospect of an eight-hour working day with considerable favor.

President Gompers is pleased with the outlook at the present time, and believes that the movement for an eight-hour day is well advanced.

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A LITTLE TOO REAL. Thrilling Bit of Realism on a St. Louis Stage—Monroe Makes a Good Looking Young Member of His Company.

GRIPMEN IN A SNARL. Some Employes of the Pittsburg Traction Road Discharged as MEMBERS OF LABOR UNIONS.

Men Brought From Chicago to Help Out Should a Strike Occur. SUT, DAVIS TALKS FOR THE ROAD. He Claims the Men Tried to Coerce Others to Join Their Organization.

The indications are good for a strike on the Pittsburg Traction Road. Some eight or nine men were discharged, ostensibly because they belonged to a labor union.

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THE GRAND OLD MAN. Warmly Congratulated Upon Reaching His Eightieth Birthday.

AMERICA, AUSTRALIA AND INDIA. All Sent Tokens of Regard to the Great Liberal Leader.

EMPEROR WILLIAM BACKING A LOTTERY. The German Military Strength Will Be Still Further Increased.

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TERIBLE TUSSEL. Of a Backless Farmer With an Infuriated Bull—The Remarkable Manner in Which the Animal Was Finally Wounded.

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE. A Farmer Named Willis Moore, Living near Evansville, a small station 13 miles north of here on the T. & K. O. R. R., had a terrible encounter with a mad bull, which came very near costing him his life, and can be described in his own words.

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COLD WAVE COMING. A Furious Blizzard is Reported From the Northwest—Merz Sleigh Bells at St. Paul—A Gale on the Lakes.

CHICAGO, December 29.—The first cold wave of the winter is reported from all parts of the West and Northwest. In Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan a furious blizzard raged all day today, piling the snow to great heights.

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A NEGRO EXODUS. Hundreds of Colored People Leaving Alabama for Great Schools for Railroad.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., December 29.—Hundreds of negroes are leaving this region for Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. The sudden exodus is largely due to the efforts of a few intelligent colored men who are supposed to be the paid agents of the railroad companies.

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A MOTHER'S ANXIETY. She Does Not Know Whether Her Son Recovered Her Missing Son or Not—The Neighbors Also Fail to Agree.

GREENSBURG, December 29.—A mysterious case is reported from Lewis. Ten months ago an 18-year-old son of William Decker, of Irwin, mysteriously disappeared, and while every effort was made by his family and friends, no clew of the lost boy was found until a few days ago, when the family received word from Bristol that a young man answering the description was picked up near the town.

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WORK OF PREHISTORIC MAN. Evidence of a Long-Forgotten Age Found in Centre County.

ALTOONA, December 29.—Just across the line between Centre and Clearfield counties, and located in a rocky, wooded hillside, is a remarkable prehistoric fortification in the United States.

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END OF TWO TEXAS OUTLAW. A Sheriff's posse Fires on Them Until Both Drop Dead.

URVALDA, Tex., December 29.—News has been received here of a desperate encounter in the Bad Lands, the result of a recent raid. Three years ago the O'Dell brothers, Tom and William were outlawed. One of them was wanted for horse theft and the other for murder.

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EXPLOSER STANLEY IN COURT. He Makes a Direct Charge of Treachery Against Tippon Tib.

ZANESVILLE, December 29.—The Circuit Court has heard the evidence of Mr. Stanley and Lieutenant Donny in the Emin Relief committee action against Tippon Tib. They testified that Tib broke his contract with a view of obtaining all the stores and ammunition belonging to the expedition, and that Tib was a spy.

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VALERIAN BAKER'S CASE. Another Man a Writer Claims That He Was Inmate of the Murderer.

WHEELING, December 29.—The Register to-morrow will print another sensational letter bearing on the Van R. Baker murder case. The letter is from a town in Eastern Ohio, and the writer details a conversation he had with a railroad man just after the crime.

FAILURE OF A CARPET FIRM. A Difference of \$30,000 Between the Assets and Liabilities.

PHILADELPHIA, December 29.—Alexander Beck & Son, carpet manufacturers, of this city, made an assignment yesterday for the benefit of their creditors to Charles A. Furbush, of M. A. Furbush & Co., woolen goods manufacturers.

AN ASSASSIN'S SCHEME. He Turns Out to Be a Victim of His Own Deceit.

NEW YORK, December 29.—Early this morning the gas in the sleeping room of Frederick W. Stedfield was extinguished, and Stedfield went down to the cellar to find out the cause. He saw a man there, who fired a shot at him. The bullet wounded him in the neck, partially disabling him, when the burglar effected his escape.

ROMANCE OF A MURDER. An Italian Killed by the Lever Whom He Had Supplanted.

NEW YORK, December 29.—For hours today a young Italian girl stood at a window on the fourth floor of the big tenement at 191 Mulberry street, and watched McCullough's undertaker shop across the way, and the curious crowd of Italian men, women and children who hung about the door.

BELGIUM WITHOUT COAL. The Strike Causes Even the Government to Run Short of Fuel.

LONDON, December 29.—There is a serious shortage of coal in Belgium, owing to the labor troubles in the mining regions. Manufacturing interests are beginning to suffer and even the Government is unable to obtain its usual supply of fuel.

CUTTING DOWN THE POPULATION. Dr. Peters, the German Adventurer, is Killing Some of the Africans.

BERLIN, December 29.—Dr. Peters, the African explorer, in his letter dated Kania, October 8, recently received by his brother, after stating that he had killed a native chieftain, says he had also killed the Gallies and captured the sacred isle. He is afraid of conflicts with the Somalis.

TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL. Will be Established at Iago to Check the Growth of Socialism.

LONDON, December 29.—A technical school is being founded at Iago by Italian monks at which 1,000 boys are to be educated. The object is to furnish unskilled training with such religious surroundings as it is hoped will check the growth of Socialism among the industrial classes.