Through Deep Sinkholes That Threaten to Swallow the Entire Outfit.

THE EXPEDITION ADVANCES

Beaver's Eye Completely Plastered Up With Mud and Bucephalus' Sleek Coat

CHANGED TO A DIRTY YELLOW.

Fayette County Furnishes the Explorers an Experience Closely Resembling

THE FALL OF THE LATE MR. McGINTY.

A Ride of Twenty-Eight Miles Over Rough Ground in Which Lurk Pitfalls Without Number

THE WONDER OF WAYNESBURGERS EXCITED

Through much tribulation and mire of unknown depth the wagon carrying THE DISPATCH road explorers moves steadily forward. Neither Fayette county sinkholes nor Greene county clay has yet proven an insurmountable barrier to its progress. The day's journey from Uniontown to Waynesburg furnished several exciting episodes,

TFROM OUR SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.] THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH COUNTRY ROAD EXPEDITION, WAYNESBURG, April 12.

Cold and desolate was the break of day at Uniontown when we took our departure yesterday. The snow of the previous morning still lay upon the heights of Chestnut Ridge and our hotel, lying in the shadow of the mountain, reflected some of the chill. There was no delay about starting, for as we had neither bar nor baggage, except a few gross of Faber pencils, a ream of reporters' paper and a photographic camera, the landlord disposed of us quickly enough, and wished us God speed through Greene county

Our wagon rattled up street long before any person was awake, as we supposed. But just as we passed the corner of Morgantown street a prominent politician of "old Fiatt" called from his second story window:

Warned of Danger Ahead.

The West Virginia line is close to Fayetta and Greene counties, and no doubt accounts for the large African population here, but gtill I didn't think a discreet politician negro vote.

"Because a rescuing party will have to be pent out after you," answered the wirepuller. Confirming my opinion of his dis-

We had been warned that perils awaited us on the mud roads between Uniontown and Waynesburg, so we halted at the top of the County Poor House hill and sounded had was just before we left Fayette county.

thick was the yellow clay upon them from the tip of their hoo's, up the legs, over the breast-straps, sticking to the necks like a poultice, and covering the faces just as though masks had been fitted on them with cycholes and breathing slits already punched-this artificial skin gave them an amber shade entirely foreign to their dappled gray hides.

A side view, after the harness was off, left the mud in bold relief, each separate strap and belt having cut a groove up, down or across the trunks of Buccohalus and Beaver. Both nars were completely exhausted.

The Wagon Badly Disfigured.

The wagon was a picture in itself. It was looked upon as a curiosity all that evening by crowds of Waynesburg people. After a terribly rough winter voyage a brig often puts into the New York bay with its masts covered with ice, its yard-arms and jib hanging with glittering ice pendants. Our land schooner showed the marks of its frightful mud cruise amid the valleys of Fayette and Greene. Its varnished sides were plastered yellow; its white canvas cover was splashed all over; the rubber front had turned from black to a light color. The wheels were so thickly clogged with mud that their size was greatly magnified.

Reservoir With 1,000 Gallons of Wate

Smashes Up Things Generally. "SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR I PHILADELPHIA, April 13 .- The new Park Theater was damaged to the extent of \$10,000 to-day. Shortly after 10 o'clock Mr. Dennis, the treasurer, while sitting in his office auditing the accounts was startled by hearing a loud report which reverberated a thousand times through the vast auditorium We three, in our rubber coats and top and which seemed to come from the



cause I only had them wiped in time to get them dimmed again with liquid earth squirted obliquely up over the dashboard. We were now coated thickly with dried clay all over. Altogether, it was a weather beaten exploring party that finished the 28mile ride from Uniontown to Waynesburg.

To the Bottom of a Hole. Our hard work began that morning within an hour after our start. The mud was about a foot deep on an average. In Manolian township wallowing in water we approached a certain spot. The water proved deceptive, for where we thought it was only a foot deep, like the balance of the road, the hole proved at least two and a half feet in pth. Down went the wagon up to the hubs in mire. The wheels stopped and

Joshua Wonart, the obliging farmer at assortment of rails to choose from, I selected a good would crack a joke at the expense of the and went to work between the wheels. The pit we presently had the thing moving. The photographer, instead of helping to pry out the wheels, hopped over a fence and set up his camera for the picture which ac-

The Worst Experience Yet. the tires and axles. Then we pulled off the We encountered one of those peculiar sink

than 125 feet, had fallen. In its descent it had crashed through what is known as the point frame and bridge above the flies, used in shifting the scenes. Passing through them with a velocity that did not impede its flight, one section of the stage floor was crushed through and sank about

Then the sudden concussion sent the staves flying to all points of the compass, like so many matchsticks, and deluging the

A GIGANTIC STRIKE ORDERED.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. parts of the Union, has fallen into a dispute 20,000 workmen in various parts of the country, including 1,500 in Boston, will refuse to go work, and the building of big structures will be seriously delayed

is the biggest concern of its kind in the country. The strike is the outcome of the recent lockout of free stone cutters, and is a practical defiance to all builders.

HOT AFTER THE POLICE.

Opposed to Official Corruption. the Central Labor Union to-day a copy of resolutions passed by the Police Commissioners last week, stating that they were always ready to examine into any charges which the Central Labor Union might make against the police department, was received. In answer to this, a long preamble and

but a soggy appearance of the surface warns of sufficient evidence to close every one of the existence of a trap. In this in. stance we only noticed that the road had a beaused up appearance in the middle. But heaped-up appearance in the middle. But their subordinates could amass ill-gotten the moment the horses hoofs touched it, wealth. The resolution instructed the special committee on police investigation to call for volunteers from the affiliated unions to assist them in shadowing every Down went Bucephalus next. It police captain in New York, and his tools, who are known to be corrupt and lawless, in order to publicly expose their misdeeds, "and sweep from power the infamous system

A HOTEL IN PLAMES.

The Work of a Careless Chambe

DETROIT, April 13 .- Fire this evening rutted the fourth and fifth floors of the Hatel Plankinton, and the lower floors of the hotel were seriously damaged by water. At 8 o'clock a chambermaid named Antoinette Fabrein rushed from her room on the fourth floor of the hotel, enveloped in flames. It is supposed she overturned a lamp. She was seriously, but not fatally, burned.

pletely gutting that part of the building be-fore they were got under control. The flames also descended the elevator shaft to the office and lower floors, but they were extinguished before doing great damage. The damage by water, where the flames did not reach, is heavy. The loss on the hotel furnishings is put at \$50,000; insurance \$10,000. Loss on building \$75,000; insurance, \$30,000.

The Argentine Ministry Realgns. LONDON, April 13 .- A dispatch from

PITTSBURG, MONDAY, APRIL 14. Chairman and the Colonel. Chauncey F. Black, being a citizen of Fayette county at one time, has many supporters here, and may be the compromise candidate. TO BOOM HASTINGS.

A MINERS' MEETING

To Agree Upon a Scale of Wages for the

Ensuing Year-The Indiana Field

May be Controlled by a

Gigantic Trust.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. I

State will meet in delegate convention to-morrow to decide whether they will main-

tain district organizations or have one single

body for the State. The miners of Western

Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and

West Virginia will meet to revive the inter-

This is a proposed trust, embracing Indiana.

A movement is on foot to control the mines of that State by one corporation. Mr. Daniels, of the Brazilian black field, is spoken of for the Presidency of the com-

pany. The operators claim they can save \$50,000 a year by the combination. It will

be far-reaching and control millions of

BUILDING TRADES PARALYZED.

Two Labor Organizations Are Struggling

for Supremncy at Baltimore.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BALTIMORE, April 13 .- A great fight is

n progress here between the Knights of

Labor and the Federation of Trades, which

must culminate in a short time in a com-

plete disruption of the two labor organiza-

tions here, unless a compromise is reached.

The Federation of Trades insists on the adoption of the card system, and the Knights of Labor as bitterly oppose this plan. Already strikes have been inaugurated by the workers on buildings where Knights of Labor men

are employed, and the remarkable spectacle is presented of Knights of Labor men and

non-union men working in common against the trades. The Federation has declared

that no one shall be employed on any build-ing who is not a member of their union. More than one-half of the bricklayers be-long to the union, about one-third of the carpenters are also members and the hod-

carriers, 1,200 strong, are solidly with the

trades.

The union has achieved temporary suc-

union man has notified the contractors that

the card system will be enforced by May 1,

when the two great organizations will lock horns. The Federation is much the stronger

ELOPING RUNS IN THE PAMILY.

A Highly Educated Youthful Bride Goes

Away With an Old Lover.

must have been satisfactory to the young woman he was to have married, for on Fri

The runaway pair were heard of in Dun

The parties are prominent

kirk, but since then all trace of them has

brunette. She speaks six lanyuages fluently

parried him 20 years ago, jilting a wealthy

n Lebanon, Me., where he was to be held

captive by the notorious Dr. Blood and ex

onviet Jack (who have been suspected o

Isaac decoyed Hiram to Rochester, N. H.

and drove him to a point near the camp where he was turned over to "Jack." Isaac claims that his connection with the case

ended at this point and that he did not know

of Hiram's death until he received a letter

day she cloped with him.

all building trade is paralyzed.

capital.

COLUMBUS, April 13.-The miners of the

"Whip up Beaver, for goodness sake. We're caught again. We're in a ——" And before he could finish, down we sank toward the subterranean regions of Jefferson A Monster Mass Meeting Will Soon be Held in Philadelphia.

MEMBERS OF THE UNION LEAGUE

Are Taking Quite a Prominent Part in the New Movement.

LAWRENCE COUNTY FOR DELAMATER.

Considerable Trouble in the Democratic Ranks in Historic Fayette.

A public demonstration is being arranged in Philadelphia with the object of booming General Hastings for Governor. Many prominent members of the party, including a large number of the Union League, are interested in the movement.

Indiana, where he has been organizing the miners and says they are all enthusiastic over the prospect of a higher schedule. prominent members of the party, including

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] PHILADELPHIA, April 13,-The friends of General Hastings in this city have put on their war paint and propose to make a lively fight against the nomination of Senator Delamater. The first step in this direction will take definite shape at a meeting to be held in the office of Alexander P. Colesberry to-morrow afternoon. For several days past a number of the members of the Union League and some prominent business men have affixed their signatures to a call to be issued the present week for a public meeting to be held in the Academy of Music.

The object of the meeting is stated in the call to be to present an emphatic indorsement of the candidacy of General Hastings for Governor, believing it to be for the best interests of the Republican party that he should be nominated. This is about the substance of the call.

A FORMIDABLE MOVEMENT.

Most of those who have signed the circular are members of the Union League, but the league, as an organization is not taking any part in the movement. A great many of the signers were also secured from busi-ness men on Market and Chestnut streets by personal calls. At the meeting to be held to-morrow alternoon arrangements will be made for a general meeting of the signera

later in the week.

Committees will be appointed at this meeting and then the call will be published in the papers. Copies will be printed and circulated generally among the citizens. At the meeting a number of prominent speakers will be present and present to the audience the reasons why it is to the best interests of the party to nominate General Hastings. The papers for the call were started on their rounds to-day.

It was the original intention to have only the names of about 25 persons on the call,

but others desiring to join in the call no limit was placed upon the number. To-night when about one hundred and fifty names had been secured, it was thought a sufficient three feet in the earth of the cellar. The hoops binding the reservoir, which contained over 1,000 gallons of water, did not burst until the cellar was reached.

when about one hundred and fifty names had been secured, it was thought a sufficient number, and the meeting in Mr. Colesberry's office was determined upon. A HOST OF SIGNERS.

Among those who are in the list of signers W. C. Houston, President of the Union League, Colonel Wendell P. Bow-Joseph Pettit, William H. Oakford, A. W. Littlefield, Samuel Disston, Albert Wagner, Colonel Lewis D. Baugh, M. E. McDowell, Dr. C. Ellsworth Hewitt, J. Addison Woodruff, Thomas B. Lancaster, George A. Bernard, R. Dale Benson, E. B. Tyson, John H. Kennedy, Arthur Moore, William B. Riley, Daniel A. Wolbur, James G. Croxton, Abram S. Patterson, Joseph Cuibert, Major J. S. Singer, H. E. Altemus, W. K. Jewell, John McCurdy, James N. Bennett, W. E. Archambault, Jr.

SAWTELLE CONFESSES. He Says He Lured His Brother Into the Woods But Dld Not Kill Him. Boston, April 13 .- A local paper to-day

Cuban lover.

prints a confession made to his counsel by Dover, N. H., awaiting trial for the murder of his brother, Hiram, whose mutilated body was found buried in the woods in Lebano the assertion that has been made that this Me., last February. is an attack upon Senator Quay. It is our expression of preference for General Has-In this alleged confession Isaac says that he and Hiram's wife were parties to a conspiracy to lure Hiram to an abandoned camp

LAWRENCE COUNTY PRIMARIES. Defent of the Candidates Who Were Op-

posed to Delamater. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. can primaries were held in this county yesterday, but so fiercely was each office contested for and so close that it is impossible to tell the result. Hon, Oscar L. Jackson had no opponent for Congress and received the full party vote. George W. Johnstown and George D. Brown easily defeated William D. Wallsce and Rev. William Mehard, who were opposed to Delamater. For mem-bers to the Assembly with two to elect. Hon. William P. Morrison is considered safe, and the second member will be eithe A. M. Phillips or S. C. McCreary. G. White defeated ex-Mayor Robert C. Mc-Chesney for the office of County Treasurer.

Everything is now in but five precincts, and Alexander Richardson leads by 17 votes more than Crawford, and the latter has 40 more than Eckles for County Commissioner, with two to nominate. The primaries were the most exciting held in Lawrence county for years.

TROUBLE IN FAYETTE COUNTY.

erntic Leaders at Loggerheads Over Anarchistical Lauguage.

> Know When They Have a Good Thing. NEW YORK, April 13 .- A State Assem

Portugal Will Attack Mpanda.

BANKS OF RICH GOLD.

Untold Millions of Mineral Wealth Discovered by Explorers in

THE GRAND CANON OF COLORADO.

River Lined With Glittering Masses of

Virgin Ore. GRAND STAMPEDE OF PROSPECTORS

For the Territory Where Fortunes Are to be Had for the Digging.

State agreement and agree on a scale of wages. there will be a contest on both points, as the operators are not inclined to concede the de-Colonel Stanton, who commanded the party which explored the Grand Canon of mand. Patrick McBryde, of the United Miners, has just returned from Illinois and the Colorado river, says the walls of the canon contain mineral wealth beyond the dream of avarice. Prospectors are already rushing to the spot where fortunes may be The new organization is growing rapidly in membership. It is expected by May 1 there wifl be 50,000 organized miners in the competitive district, which may, to some extent, affect the deliberations of the joint so easily wrested from the earth's bosom.

DENVER, April 13.-Colonel Stanton, commander of the recent exploring expedition in the Grand Canon of the Colorado river, to-day makes public some interesting precious mineral discoveries which his party made in that far-famed canon.

It now appears that the sole reason why Harry McDonald deserted the expedition was on account of these rich discoveries. He quit the party in the canon and made his way to Knaub, Utah, where he made known the new finds, organized a company of prospectors, and they are now in the canon in force, the news having leaked out and a general stampede being the result.

A WEALTH OF MINERALS.

Mr. Stanton has a fine selection of specimens, consisting of all the well-known precious minerals, as well as coal, marble, etc. He says that 400 miles of the canon shows a wealth of precious mineral. The steep walls of the canon show quartz veins in places, and assays from specimens obstrate that these veins are of remarkable richness.

The action of the water has worn smooth the sides of the canon, and the vein matter is clearly discernable to the naked eye. Placer gold is found nearly the entire length of the river. Every point panned produced color, and in places the bars were found to contain coarse gold in surprising quantities. DEVELOPED BY THE AZTECS.

In one place south of Lee's Ferry veins veloped in a crude way by the Indians, per-haps by the now extinct race of Aztecs. Mr. Stanton says the placers could be easily worked because there is no lack of water facilities.

at Curtis Bay, the builder promising to persuade his workmen to join the Federation.

Work has been stopped at the Bryn Mawr school, Central Savings Bank building and the new Associated Reform Church. Every A short distance below Lee's Ferry the expedition ran across Old Jack Sumner, a member of Major Powell's original expedition in 1869, washing out gold in a primitive way, and taking out from \$5 to \$10 per day. Sumner, aged with the 20 odd years he has spent in the cauon, is still looking for the investment mineral sufferences which for the immense mineral outcroppings which were discovered by Major Powell's ex-pedition. Colonel Stanton is of the belief that he has relocated the bonanza so much talked about by Powell's men. numerically now, but the Knights of Labor claim to have the best discipline. Just now

AN OLD MAN'S JEALOUSY Lends Him to Kill His Young Wife and

Then Hang Himself. DETROIT, April 13 -- A frame cottage at BUSHVILLE, PA., April 13 .- Susie Crow-226 Third street, this city, was the scene of a nell, aged 18, daughter of Captain Leo horrible murder and suicide some time during Crownell, an old lake skipper, was to have last night. Alexander Cuddy, aged 62, and married Dr. George Rouse at this place one his wife, aged 30, resided there. It has been year ago. A week before the wedding was known for some time that Cuddy and his to come off the doctor went away on a busiwife lived unhappily together. Last night people who passed the house heard loud and angry words, but as such occurrences were ness trip and did not return. What became of him nobody knew. Six months ago Miss Crownell began to receive the attentions of ommon in that neighborhood, nothing was

Lester Stout, a well-to-do young man living in a neighboring village, and two weeks ago they were married. Last week thought of the matter. This morning Herbert Cuddy, a son of "Alexander by a former wife, went to the house, but could not gain admittance. He then proceeded to break open the back door Dr. Rouse returned to Bushville as sudienly as he had disappeared. No one knew and when his efforts were crowned with where he had been or what kept him away, but his reasons for going and staying so long success a horrible sight met his gaze. His father was hanging from a rafter quite dead and at his feet lay the disfigured body of his wife, and near at hand was found an axe besmeared with blood. A deep gash on the woman's left forehead showed how she had met her horrible fate. Cuddy left a ramb-ling letter addressed: "To the press," the socially and wealthy. The eloping bride was educated abroad. She is a handsome gist of which was that he was jealous of his rife; that they lived unhappily together and he thought it best they should both be Her mother was a Cuban, and eloped with Captain Crownell from New Orleans and

MURDERED AN OLD SLAVE.

One of Senator Vance's Former Chattele Killed for Her Money.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 13 .- A ho rible murder has been committed three miles west of this city. Harriet Williams a colored woman and former slave of Sena Isaac B. Sawtelle, of Bozton, now in jail at | tor Vance's family, was found lying upon the floor of her house at 7 o'clock this morning unconscious and died in about two hours without uttering a word. Seven terrible wounds were discovered on

her body and three on her forehead and the top of her head showing the full length of the blade of an ax which lay beside the body. The murder was evidently the work of a would-be robber.

GONE UP IN VALUE.

having guilty knowledge, at least, of the murder), until he should relinquish in writ-ing all claim to the estate left by his father. King Leopold Refused £4,000,000 in Cash for the Congo State.

LONDON, April 13 .- A dispatch from Brussels says it is stated that Belgium guarantees a loan of the Congo State of £6,000,000. It is rumored that King Leopold refused Germany's offer of £4,000,000 for the Congo State.

The Paris correspondent confirms the report that King Leopold was desirous of selling the Congo State, but the French

right of refusal, and Stanley's reports of rubber on the Aruwhemi, led to indecision.

THE CHARGES MAGNIFIED.

Partial Denial of the Reports of Turkish Outrages at Rethymo. CANDIA, CRETE, April 13 .- A Turkish ouncilor has been making inquiries at Rethymo into the charges of Turkish cruelties and outrages.

As a result of the investigation the councilor admits that the Turks have been guilty of excesses, but declares that the facts have been greatly magnified. Two of the chief offenders have been arrested.

GERMANY USES THREATS

To Compel the Sultan of Zanzibar to Cancel Concessions.

ZANZIBAR, April 13 .- It is ascertained that the Germans, by threats, have compelled the Sultan to cancel the concessions of Manda and Patti to the British East Africa Company. It is generally believed, however, that the matter is still the subject of negotiations.

An Imposing Funeral. ROME, April 13.-The late Signor Saff was buried to-day with imposing ceremonies. The funeral procession occupied two hours

Chief Mourner and Corpse. BERLIN, April 13 .- Prince Bismarck is credited with describing his last days in Berlin as a first-class funeral. A STEAMER WRECKED.

Six Persons Perish-A Passenger Boat Collides With a Bridge and Its Living Freight in Swept

Into the Water.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 EAST SAGINAW, April 13.-The Handy Boy, a little steamer carrying about 75 passengers, plying between this city and Bay City, on the Saginaw river, left her dock in this city to-day on a regular trip with about 35 passengers. It was necessary for her to pass through the draw of the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad bridge, and at her signal the draw was opened for her passage Just at this moment Captain Dolsen left the wheel and began collecting fares, giving the wheel in charge of some one, nobody seems to know whom. At any rate the boat shied off, and struck a pier with a terrific crash

60 feet from the middle of the draw passage. The whole upper deck, with about 18 pasengers, was swept off into the water, part of the debris crashing down on the deck below. Boatmen on the shore saw the dis aster, and at once put off to the rescue of the people struggling in the water or clinging to the wreck and the piers. The Handy Boy did not sink, but lay a wreck against the pier, thus averting greater loss of life. Most of the MIRACULOUS ESCAPES FROM DEATH passengers were easily rescued but those in the water were saved with much difficulty. In the confusion it is difficult to tell just how many were drowned, but it is certain that six were lost. Miss Mary Haight and Mrs. Catherine Navit, of East Saginaw, are among them. Two other ladies and a man are also missing. No bodies have yet been recovered. Captain Dolsen, as soon as he reached the shore, disappeared and cannot be found. It

is supposed he has fled. The injured are: David Bliss, hurt by flying timber: - Fish, scalded: D. T. Packer, scalded; Miss Della Rock, taken out of water unconscious; J. W. Thompson, severely scalded; Randolph Wrege, scalded. George Little, engineer, and Edward Trump, who had charge of the steamer's wheel, were arrested.

FATHER JAEN'S TROUBLES ENDED.

The Plaintiff in the Famous Suit Against Bishop Heavensy Succumbs to Grip. LYONS, IA., April 13.-Father F. C. Jaen, the plaintiff in the famous suit for \$100,000 against Bishop Hennessy, of Dubuque, died here very suddenly yesterday from the effects of the grip. Father Jaen was aged 64, and was a native of France, where most of his relatives re-

ide. His troubles commenced in 1872 when Bishop Hennessy, on a charge of disobedi-ence, removed him. He was then pastor of St. Ireneus' Church at Lyons, and became involved in a quar-rel with some members of his congregation. Bishop Hennesy sided with the latter, and because the Reverend Father would not obey the Bisnop's orders in the matter he was unfrocked. He then began his suit for \$100,000 damages. After meeting with numerous set backs he at last got the case before a Dubuque court. A demurrer was entered against his suit on the ground that it was barred by the statute of limitations, and that a civil court could not review the acts of a Bishop in a purely ecclesiastic matter. The case was heard January 9 last, and the decision was ad-

COMMITTED SUICIDE

Because He Was Accused of Trying to Abduct a Senator.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH, DENVER, April 13 .- Some months ago a ocal newspaper published an account here that two young men had concected a plot to kidnap Senator Tabor and hold him for a ransom. It was afterward learned that the boys had been wrongly accused. The fact that the boys gained considerable unfavorable notoriety caused Oscar M. Roberts to commit suicide, while his companion is reported to be going mad. The following letter, addressed to his companion, was found

on the dead boy: DEAR FRIEND-Forgive me for this, my last DEAR FRIEND—Forgive me for this, my last act on earth, and believe you now lose your best friend. Oh, that God in his goodness may also forgive this, my first, last and only crime. 'Tis herrible to sit here and know you have seen your last day and leave this earth by your own will, and soon be before your Maker with a crime upon your head. This act is forced on me by Loar and the Times. If you are asked about those letters tell the truth. I have, as you know, told all to Mr. Tabor. God knows we had no criminal thought about them. Tell my sister to forget she had a brother. I have not the heart to bid her good bye. Oh my darling, sister, and you, my friend, farewell.

O. M. ROBERTS.

TRIED TO BURN A TENEMENT.

Scores of Lives Risked for the Sake of Small Insurance.

NEW YORK, April 13 .- A deliberate but vain attempt was made this afternoon to burn a tenement house in Ludlow street. The house is a five-story structure with two tamilies living in each floor. For two months Samuel Schwartz and his wife have occupied the apartments on the second story. A fire broke out in their rooms five weeks ago, but nothing was thought of that. This afternoon, after they left the house, fire was discovered in the kitchen, and when the door was burst in it was found the bed-ding and bed clothes had been piled against the stove and the whole place saturated with kerosene. A closet, the clothes in which had also been soaked in kerosene was found to be on fire. Schwartz and his wife were arrested. They denied all knowledge of the affair. The police say their household goods were insured.

A NEW BRIDGE FALLS, Carrying Two Workmen Into the River and Killing Them. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE

POPLAR BLUFFS, Mo., April 13.-The middle span of the new iron bridge, which is being built across Black river, fell this afternoon, carrying two men down. Both were killed, and their bodies are still beneath the wreck at the bottom of the river. Their names are Thomas Brown and James in front of the plantation, and hand not affected it, for the sloughs and bayous had carried the great volume out to the Yazoo basin. But there had been a terrible fight for days to save the embankment in front of the plantation, and hand not affected it, for the sloughs and bayous had carried the great volume out to Ross, and they came from St. Louis.

The accident was caused by the washouts of the past month.

GONE DOWN WITH ALL HANDS. Ship's Boat Drifting Ashere Discloses the

Fate of the Nellie May. VICTORIA, B. C., April 13 .- A report

comes from the west coast that part of a ship's boat, bearing the name Nellie May, was cheerful despite the fact that the river which vessel left Port Madison, lumber was higher than it had ever been before laden for San Francisco, January 23, has drifted ashore at Clayoquot Sound, together with other wreckage. The supposition is that the vessel was lost in a storm, together with all hands.

STANLEY WAS DISDAINFUL. A French Savant's Objection to the Great

African Explorer. PARIS, April 13.-The President of the

French Geographical Society is opposed to a public reception to Henry M. Stanley, be-cause his enterprise had a commercial ob-ject and because he treated Brazza with disdain. THREE CENTS

NOTHING BUT WATER the Eye From a Boat N. A. Down the Missis-

GROWN 1 AN INLAND SEA.

Thousands Are Homeless and Speedy Relief is Imperative.

THE FUTURE DECIDEDLY GLOOMY.

Little Prospects That Any Crops Will be Raised This Year.

The first authentic details of the great Mississippi flood have been received from a boat expedition now proceeding down the river. The colored population has suffered the most, and unless speedy aid is provided actual starvation is probable. The financial loss is engemons.

PRPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCELS LACONIA CIRCLE, ARK., April 13.-The only dry spot of land in an area of perhaps 500 square miles is the top of the levee within sight of the room in which this is being written. It is about 20x500 feet in size, and is crowded so thickly with cattle rescued from the flood that the miserable brutes are constantly pushing each other into the surrounding water. Twenty rods away to the south is a large gin house, 60x80 feet in size, with the main floor eight feet above water.

It is swarming with negroes of all ages and shades of complexion, clad in the most picturesque and nondescript garbs imaginable. There are 150 of them and they have been housed here for a week. Their cabins have been swept away and this is their only refuge.

NOT EXACTLY A PALACE.

The walls and rafters of the gin house are covered with masses of lint cotton and the negroes are prohibited from having either light or fire. Three flat bottomed boats, anchored in a patch of willows 200 feet distant, and which are reached by skiffs or "dugouts," are utilized as kitchens. These miserable refugees have not food enough to last them five days. They are wholly dependent upon the generosity of the planters and other white people residing in the little ham-

It is only a question of a few days until these resources are exhausted. With planting time yet four or five weeks distant the question of support for these people is an edingly serious one. There are ten other gin houses in the Circle crowded to their utmost capacity with people equally as destitute as those I have described. For the most part they are absolutely without bed clothing and are compelled to use sacks of

cotton seed for mattresses ALONG THE VALLEY.

After leaving Helena no stop was made until darkness compelled a halt at the Molloy's landing, 35 miles below. It was a chance shelter, for THE DISPATCH boat had started with the intention of making Laconia Circle the same night. A strong wind that broke the surface of the broad river into fierce white caps interfered seriously with its progress, and the lonely light from the negro's cabin, an hour after night had settled over the water, shone out like a beacon for a harbor of safety.

Molloy's log cabin consists of two rooms. His own prosperity has made him careless or, perhaps, forgetful of the needs of other colored people.

"Ders a lot ob lazy cullud folks just waitin forh d'Gov'ment to issha rations, he says. "Ef dey ken get grub for noffin" dey done shuah not gwine t'wohk." A CHARGE OF FAVORITISM.

Molloy also charged, and with a great deal of truth, as was subsequently learned, that relief that had been forwarded to cer tain points in previous inundations had been given only to a favored few. Sunday morning revealed stranger sights than any that had yet been witnessed. At the head of Island 66, as the boat shot round a point,

it ran over the truck patch surrounding a cabin on the Oliver plantation.

A negro was perched on the roof of the cabin. It was the only place in his home where he could stand upright. The water was within four feet of the eaves. A false loor of fence rails had been constructed in the dwelling. In answer to the boatman's hail two women and a man emerged, walking in a stooping position. They said that,

a week. At Anderson's Landing, Miss., 20 miles below, behind a huge levee which was washed by the current to within two feet of its top, lay a plantation of 800 acres dotted with white cabins and fat cattle. It was as free from water as though the Mississipp were 100 miles distant.

NO FLOOD THERE.

Negro girls dressed in their best gowns sunned themselves in the cabin doors. The men lounged on the levee or gossipped in the barnyard. It was an ideal Southern plantation scene. The place is owned by Dr. Anderson, of Memphis. The water from the break at Austin, 86 miles above, had not affected it, for the sloughs and bayous had carried the great volume out to the Yazoo basin. But there had been a ter-rible fight for days to save the embankment roffee sacks filled with dirt had been used to fill in the cuts made by the river.

At Knowlton's Landing, on the Arkansas

side, the current was running ten miles an hour through the abandoned negro quarters on the Lee place. It poured over the old levee with a loud hissing noise. Over half the negroes here had removed to Memphis. Mr. R. H. Beith, who leases the Lee plantation and who owns the one adjoining, rowed out and greeted the newspaper boat. He known on his property.

ATTACKING THE GOVERNMENT.

He bitterly condemned the policy of the

Government, which he said encouraged the construction of levees in Mississippi and neglected to aid in the erection of dykes on the Arkansas side. The result, he believed, would be the ultimate abandonment of all the river plantations of the west side of the river in Arkansas and Louisiana. The Mississippi embankments forced the water to the opposite shore and the level raised to a point that it would not otherwise reach. Laconia presented a dreary, forlorn ap-pearance even under the influence of an

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turnpike and steered westward. Beaver's dark gray hide was not yet spotted with a single splash of mud. His pretty main and graceful tail were combed free of dried earth. Bucephalus arched his neck with nicer symmetry than the morning on which he shied at Fifth avenue cable cars. A Muelstrom of Mire. Sunlight had now flashed across the valley from that historic mountain peak known as General Dunbar's Camp, reckless Bucephalus, sniffing the nir, which was still sharp and cold, distended his nostrils, as

I pause, as a painter does before he wilfully soils a picture. Our horses looked so bandsome as they trotted along the foot-hills of the Alleghenies that morning, that I dislike to describe their appearance when we entered this town at dusk. But so bravely did they behave in the miry maelstrom; so determined were they in a struggle of 12 hours long, that we scraped the mud from their sides that night with something of the same feeling which a soldier experiences in fondling his old war horse.

Beaver is a Sad Plight.

closed up, the mud forming a sort of a car-

buncle around the lashes. A sad, sympa-

thetic winking of the other gave him a

peculiar appearance. A front view of

both animals was enough to bring tears to

horses, but now they would have deceived

One of Beaver's eyes was completely

though all his internal organs were inform-

ing one another of the coming battle afar

holes of a quicksand character. Nothing down they sank. In quicker time than it takes to write this

THE EASIEST RIDE YET-CROSSING THE MONONGAHELA.

Beaver was in up to his knees and couldn't was not the wagon that got stuck this time. It was the horses. As soon as they found

they couldn't move they became frightened. Beaver tried to leap forward. He failed to move a limb. Then Bucephalus made a public places." vicious lunge, almost rolling out of the har-Sinking Out of Sight. "Don't let them stand still," yelled John Findley, a farmer who lives near, "or you will have to dig them out." Sure enough, we saw thom sinking stead ily before our eyes. Beaver is the heaviest horse and at last his body was within six inches of the surface. In the meantime the

racked, groaned, plunged and then sank back. All hands pushed the wagon against them to scare them worse. The whipping increased in fury and at last the poor ani mals succeeded in raising their feet to harder ground and dashed away toward the west, Rails as Danger Signals.

driver had jumped out upon the pole and was whipping the horses furiously. They

We passed through six more such sink-holes that afternoon. But we were always prepared after the first experience, for wherever we observed the tops of fence rails sticking out of the ground we found they meant danger signals planted there by other tenmsters who had been stuck before us. In such cases we lightened the wagon (we Matt Quay's afflicted optics. Both are roan horses, but now they would have deading tightened the harness, and then laid on the horses, but now they would have deceived whip. Once that atternoon I was driving-Reddy McKelvy's horse knowledge. So my first experience with the ribbons. Sud-

township once more. He leaped out and while I jerked and seesawed the lines Le plyed the whip. A Tedlous Routine. And thus the day's journey continued. Seats inside were early rendered untenable on account of the water we shipped. The roughness was worse than anything we ever dreamed of. Our backs got to aching. We would take turns at resting by walking a few miles. We walked until our limbs were so tired that we could enjoy riding. Then we rode until our backs were so tired that

we preferred walking. In this harmonious routine the day passed. L. E. STOFIEL. THEATRICAL TANK DISASTER.

dealy, the regular driver arose excitedly

the rear seat and cried:

boots, scarcely looked human. I had to rear of the theater. The large water tank abandon spectacles early in the fray, be- directly above the stage, a distance of more

that point, permitted us to tear down his fence in order to have a good driver whipped up the horses, and although both of us had sunk to our boot tops in the

companies this article. But by all odds the worst experience we

plant of the house is injured.

Boston Building Trades Issue an Orde Affecting 20,000 Workmen. Boston, April 13 .- To-morrow there will be inaugurated in this city a strike, which will be felt in nearly all the large cities of the country. The firm of Norcross Brothers, which has contracts for building big public buildings, and notable structures in all with the Amalgamated Building Trades Union, whose headquarters are in this city, and a general strike has been ordered to take effect to-morrow. Under that order

In Boston the big buildings affected are the \$2,000,000 State House extension, the Public Library, the Court House, the Stock Exchange and Fred L. Ames' 14-story block. It will be one of the biggest strikes on record of men employed by a single firm. It grows out of the lockout of free stone cutters last winter. Norcross Bros. are at present erecting buildings in New York, St. Louis, Omaha, Chicago, Galveston, and in other smaller cities and towns. The firm

The Central Labor Union of New York NEW YORK, April 13,-At a meeting of

resolution were passed, stating that the Police Commissioners were in possession

Overturned a Lamp.

The flames quickly soared to the fifth floor and through the halls of the fourth, com-

Buenos Ayres announces the resignation of the Argentine Ministry.

basement. Most of the scenery used by Wilson were smashed beyond recognition, and a large quantity of the stock scenery of the theater was badly damaged. There is a serious break in the roof, and the lighting plant of the harden to the cell the most provided to the cell th

man, William B. Worne, John L. Lawson, General L. L. Merritt, Prof. William H. Pancoast, Joel J. Baily, John Lucas, John Mundell, Alex Crowe, Rudolph Biankenburg, Congressman Charles O'Neill, James C. Kelsh, James J. Martin, John W. Woodhouse, J. Raymond Cleghorn, Theo. E. Wiedersheim, James H. Lambert, Lewis Blaylock, Harry Blynn, Henry Erven, Frederick A. Lex, E. A. Hancock, William H. Hurley, Walter T. Bradley, Winthrop Smith, John M. Walton, J. B. Agnew, Jacob M. Donaldson, H. E. Garsed, John R. Woolcot, Charles J. Field, F. W. Brocke, James R. Ker, William T. Don Brocke, James B. Kerr, William T. Don-aldson, James A. Freeman, R. A. Lewis, J. E. Barr, William Tucker, Alfred Tierce, Dr. F. Ernst Goodman, Charles H. Woodruff, C. F. Hewson, George R. Howle, Dr. Joseph Pettit, William H. Oakford, A. W.

N. Bennett, W. E. Archambault, Jr., Charles Benjamin Wilkinson and J. W. Campion. THE OBJECT OF IT.

Thomas Cochran, who is a warm admirer of General Hastings, in explaining the movement to-night, said: "The meeting will not be held to attack Senator Delamater. It is not against him or any other candidate. On the contrary it is an indorsement of General Hastings. There is absolutely nothing

NEW CASTLE, April 13 .- The Republi-

the Namination for Treasurer. PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH A Uniontown, April 13.-It is said that a decided coolness has sprung up between Democratic County Chairman John Thorndell and Colonel T. B. Searight. Chairman Thorndell is ambitious to become Democratic nominee for County Treasurer, and Colonel Searight, who considers himself the leader of the Democratic hosts in this county since the death of Hon. C. E. Boyle, thinks Mr. Thorndell is not the proper man for the honors. Thorndell, however, refuses to dance to the Colonel's fiddle, and it looks as though there was trouble ahead for the Democracy of old "Fiatt."

while in Portland, telling him that it was necessary to put Hiram out of the way and that each of the trio must look out for CLOSING DENVER SPEAK-EASIES.

> Proprietors in Jail. DENVER, April 13 .- For several days a great many saloons and restaurant keepers have been selling liquor on the sly contrary To-day the Sheriff made a raid on these places and arrested 70 proprietors, some of minent in the city.

The Sheriff Makes a Rald and Places the

whom are the most prominent in the city. They are locked up in jail, bail being re-

IDLE ITALIANS AGITATING. Police Disperse the Leaders for Using ROME, April 13.-A large meeting of un employed workmen was held here to-day. Some of the speakers indulged in such vio-lent and anarchistical language that the police finally dispersed the crowd.

blyman of this city, who has been pushing a bill reducing pawnbrokers' rates, to-day made the statement that the pawnbrokers made the statement that the pawnbrokers had sent \$45,000 to Albany to defeat the

Colonel Searight, too, is auxious that the delegates to the State Convention be instructed to vote for Pattison, while Thorndell favors Wallace. This order of things tends to widen the breach between the