

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Eastern and Middle States.

Edward McGovern, a native of Ireland, died in New York at the advanced age of 101 years.

Twenty-three persons were dangerously poisoned at White Plains, Pa., by eating liver pudding which had been boiled in a copper kettle.

Fire: A destructive fire in Sayville, Long Island, destroyed the store, barn and shed of Francis Gerber and did other damage; three business blocks in Laconia, N. H., were burned, causing a loss of about \$10,000, on which there is an insurance of \$7,500; and a fire in the Forest House, one of the principal hotels of Scranton, Pa., caused great excitement among the guests, many of whom narrowly escaped suffocation.

Eight men were tried in Wilkesbarre, Pa., on the charge of having taken part in a strike last September and were found guilty and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment and to pay fines more or less large.

Several dwelling houses, barns and stables were destroyed by a fire in Patterson, N. J. The fire originated in the burning of a tank of oil on an oil car standing on the Erie railroad track, and the burning spread down the streets and fired houses as far distant as half a mile.

A colored baby show was opened in Gilmore's Garden, New York, seventy-nine infantile prodigies contending for the prizes.

A large number of prominent literary men were present at a dinner in Boston given to the poet Whittier, the occasion being his seventieth birthday.

Three men and a boy were driving to Groverdale, Mass., from Dudley, where they had been carousing, when they ran into obstructions on the road and were hurled from their wagon. Henry Nickerson was killed instantly, and a man named Wabble received fatal injuries, and the boy was badly hurt.

A meeting of the National Reform convention to advocate the express acknowledgment of God in the constitution of the United States, was held in Rochester, N. Y., about two hundred delegates being present. Resolutions in conformity with the principles of the convention were adopted.

Thomas Rooney's house in West Point, New York, caught fire during his absence, and his two children, aged three and five years respectively, were burned to death.

As John Cronin, a child two years old, was coming down the staircase of his father's house in Boston, a lad named Henry Ackers, aged about thirteen, pulled out a revolver and fired at the little fellow, who lived but an hour. The story of the shooting, as given, was told by Henry Cronin, the victim's sister, who was present at the time.

A fire occurred in the immense structure occupied by the American Desk Manufacturing in New York—one of the largest establishments of its kind in the country—before the flames could be subdued enough to the amount of about \$100,000 was done.

Mrs. Catherine Ryan, her four children, and a girl related to Mrs. Ryan were suffocated in Boston by coal gas.

Shortly after five o'clock in the afternoon a boiler in the cellar of the large wholesale candy factory of Greenfield & Sons, 63 Barclay street, New York, exploded with a loud report, and immediately thereafter several persons were injured from the building and the front wall toppled in.

At the time of the explosion there were over 150 persons in the building, and of these about twenty-five were taken to the hospitals, suffering from burns and bruises, while a number received fatal injuries. Many of the employees, in their desperate efforts to escape, leaped from the burning building, and it is believed that a large number of persons were buried underneath the falling walls, one corpse, having been recovered; but it will take some time to remove the ruins and ascertain the exact number of victims. Before the fire was subdued Nos. 61, 63, 65, 67 and 69 Barclay street were destroyed, and many other buildings in the neighborhood were more or less damaged, involving an aggregate estimated loss of about \$400,000, which is nearly all covered by insurance. When the explosion occurred the proprietor of the candy factory and his two sons were in the office, and several persons were in the show-room making purchases. Upon these people the disaster came without the slightest warning, and they were surrounded with fire and escaping steam in an instant and barely escaped with their lives. Many persons rushed to the fire-escapes and got out in that way, while others in the upper stories escaped by means of ladders. Intense excitement prevailed in the vicinity of the disaster, and thousands of persons on their way home from work flocked to the scene.

Western and Southern States.

The firm of J. D. Easter & Co., manufacturers of agricultural implements in Chicago, have failed, their liabilities being over \$500,000.

Citizens of Tackville, Ala., pursued and killed two thieves.

A desperate fight, lasting several days, took place on the borders of Texas between State troops siding the civil authorities of Texas and Mexicans from across the border. The State troops were intruded at San Elizario, which was surrounded by several hundred Mexicans. Six of the State troops were killed. The cause of the trouble seems to have been a dispute over the proprietorship of certain salt pits in El Paso county. The governor of Texas sent the following dispatch to the President: "I am officially informed that the citizens of Mexico, in connection with citizens of El Paso county, Texas, of Mexican birth, were fighting all day yesterday in Texas with a detachment of State troops who were aiding our civil authorities. The Mexican force being strong to be repelled by Texas troops, and it being impossible to raise a civil posse from the citizens, who are nearly all of Mexican blood and sympathy, and having no re-entrances within several hundred miles. I ask the aid of such United States troops as may be necessary to bring them to action, to repel this invasion of our territory."

President Hayes, on receipt of this telegram, ordered several companies of United States regulars stationed in the vicinity to assist the State troops in repelling the invaders.

J. T. Fryer was nominated for United States Senator by the Democrats in the California Legislature. The nomination is equivalent to an election, as the Democrats are in the majority.

A loss of \$21,000 was incurred by the bursting of the boiler in the oat meal manufactory of Stewart and Douglas at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

The boiler of the steamer Jesse Taylor, lying at New Orleans, exploded, killing one man and wounding two others.

The Texas State troops besieged at San Elizario by a Mexican mob, surrendered, and three men—Howard, Atkinson and McBride—were immediately shot by their captors.

The American dairy exhibition opened at Chicago with a display of butter and cheese, all the dairy States and Canada being represented.

The Springfield Savings Bank of Springfield, Illinois, has failed.

The oyster puny Samuel Washington captured at the mouth of the Rappahannock river, Captain Cephus Bussels and the crew of four were drowned.

Two more heavy failures have occurred in Chicago—that of Kelley, Morley & Co., coal dealers, whose liabilities will reach \$300,000, and that of H. W. Wetherill, wholesale millinery and fancy goods merchant, whose liabilities were also large. Other failures in the West recently recorded in Henry, Ill., where L. B. McFadden & Co., heavy operators in coal mines, went under, owing \$270,000, and in San Francisco, where the Comopolitan Savings and Exchange Bank suspended, owing depositors \$50,000.

From Washington.

The bill giving relief to the sufferers by the Huron disaster has been signed by the President.

The bureau of statistics has on hand official returns which show that during the month of November 4,745 immigrants arrived at the New York.

At the last session of the Senate the personal attack that had occurred between Senators Sherman and Gordon, during the previous session, was revived. A committee of the Senate, headed by Mr. Sherman, has been appointed to investigate the matter.

injured the matter by preparing a resolution which stated that all offensive remarks passed between the two Senators had been the outgrowth of misapprehension, and that they were mutually simultaneously withdrawn. The resolution was agreed to unanimously.

Many Congressmen have left Washington to spend the holiday recess at their homes.

The naval court of inquiry into the cause of the wreck of the Huron reports that Commander Ryan was principally responsible for the disaster.

William Poor, aged nineteen, died in Washington, of hydrophobia. He had been bitten by a small dog eight weeks previous to his death.

John A. Joyce, one of the St. Louis "crooked whiskey" men, convicted and imprisoned during General Grant's second term, has been pardoned by the President. Joyce had served his full term of two years' imprisonment, but was unable to pay the additional sum of \$2,000, which was remitted.

Foreign News.

The Sultan ordered the Turkish parliament, and in his address stated that the war had been commenced by Russia, and that Turkish patriotism and valor had been proved on many a hard-fought field.

A circular to the great powers of Europe has been sent by Turkey, asking their mediation in the war with Russia.

Two young men named Boucher and Congdon were drowned while skating in the river at St. Enache, Canada.

Many of the miners employed in the collieries at Northumberland, England, have struck against a proposed reduction in their wages.

The British parliament will meet earlier than usual this year on account of the crisis in Eastern affairs.

A call for 60,000 fresh troops has been made in Russia.

Hanging as an Art.

The Detroit Free Press says: The Ohio papers are all clamoring for a new method of executing criminals, or more expert hangmen. Two recent "takings off" having been sadly bungled in that State. The people have had enough of it; and the condemned men certainly had too much of it. However, it's an ill wind that blows nobody good. Proctor of Iowa, is glad that every one is not an expert in this ghastly line of business. A mob hung Proctor recently. After quietly enjoying the spectacle they left him alone in his glory. In order to relieve his suspense, Proctor's family cut him down, when they could do so without hurting any one's feelings, and after several hours' hard work on the execution party, he began once more to take an interest in Iowa matters. Doubtless if Proctor were interviewed he would express the utmost satisfaction at the present state of hanging, as an art, in Iowa.

Terrible Result of a Joke.

A special dispatch to the London Free Press from Ottawa, Ont., says: The Pontiac Somerville, belonging in Thorne, Pontiac county, who became insane through a practical joke being played on him, passed through this city last evening in charge of a friend, on his way to the asylum at Long Point, near Montreal. A short time since a party of shanty men were on their way up the river, Somerville being one of the number, when they got on a drunk, more or less. The day following, Somerville was told he had shot a certain magistrate while intoxicated, and that he would likely be arrested. In order to avoid this, he was advised to clear to the woods, and during the night he did so. It was fourteen days before he was found again, and then it was discovered that he was a raving maniac, having become so through fear of exposure and want of food.

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