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Havana (Special)—John Sheridan, who has been in charge of the money order department of the Havana Postoffice, was arrested recently on a charge of the theft of \$1,300 sent from the postmaster at Guantanamo, December 6—\$1,235 in cash and \$65 in checks. He has confessed his guilt, and admits having destroyed the check.

Sheridan was appointed from the Boston Postoffice to the organization of the service in Cuba. He was made postmaster at Matanzas. About a year ago he was placed at the head of the money order department in Havana with a salary of \$1,700. He seemed to be a trustworthy man, and his appointment considered the experience of appointing him postmaster at the time former Postmaster Thompson was removed. An investment of \$500 in stocks in Havana first attracted suspicion to Sheridan. He now offers to refund what he has taken.

A mass-meeting of planters, merchants and representatives of the various political parties held in Havana adopted resolutions asking the United States to lower its duty on Cuban products and advocating the suppression of the export tax. One member of each of the bodies participating in the meeting was appointed as a delegate to go to Washington to lay before Congress arguments in favor of tariff reduction.

Were on the Inside.

Washington (Special)—Several clerks in the Deadletter Office of the Postoffice Department have been dismissed on charges of having bought packages at the deadletter sale, knowing in advance their contents and falsely representing their character in the catalogue. The schemes were carried by the Chicago-based firm of an investigation carried on for over a month. In order to avert suspicion by the presence of local detectives in the office during the sale of December 17 last, inspectors from New York, Boston and Maryland carried on the investigation and the plot in the property division of the Deadletter Office.

Killed by Falling Walls.

New York (Special)—An old five-story building in East Twenty-third street, once used as a dwelling-house, which was recently gutted and modernized, collapsed, and two men were instantly killed by being buried under falling bricks. Edward Nelson, foreman of a gang of ironworkers, and his brother, William, also an ironworker, were swept down in the rubble. The collapse occurred by the hoisting of heavy iron girders. James F. Stevenson, one of the builders, and John H. Wellington, one of the foremen, were arrested, the police charging carelessness in not providing proper safeguards.

Crackmen in New Baltimore.

New Baltimore, Mich. (Special)—William F. Sandell & Co.'s bank here was broken into by crackmen, who forced open the safe and secured about \$2500. No one was aroused by the noise, and the thieves escaped with their booty untraced. The thieves hid their loot in a hole in the wall, which was used in forcing the safe were left on the floor of the bank. The thieves escaped on a hand car, which they stole from the Papal Railway coalhouse. It was found at Orr's Junction, five miles south of here. The robbery was the work of professional bank robbers, probably the same gang which has been operating in the state for several months.

Ugly Head-on Collision.

Norway, Me. (Special)—A head-on collision between freight trains on the Grand Trunk Railroad, near Rockport Mills, resulted in the death of five men and serious injury to several others, and four locomotives and 12 cars were demolished. Both trains were very heavy, each being drawn by two engines. The cars, which were scattered in all directions, and prevented effective work in putting out the fire.

Woman Attempts Suicide.

New York (Special)—A woman who had registered at Sam T. Jack was found unconscious for two days in the South Hotel. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where the physicians said she had a chance of recovery. Great mystery surrounds the woman's identity. Shortly after her arrival at the hotel a man who knew the wife of Sam T. Jack very well called at the hospital to identify the dying woman. He declared positively that she was not Mrs. Sam T. Jack.

Trolley Car on a Rampage.

Newcastle, Pa. (Special)—The failure of the brakes to work caused a traction car to run wild on the Pittsburgh street hill. It left the track and dashed into the City Hall, tearing out an entire corner. John Hoke, the motorman, Stephen A. Lewis, McCurdy and a man named Mitchell were seriously injured. Several of the passengers were cut and bruised, but had no bones broken. It is thought that two of the seriously injured will die.

Explosion Kills Ten Persons.

London (By Cable)—Ten persons were killed and many were injured as the result of an explosion in a hat factory at Denton, near Manchester.

Vanderbilt-French Nuptials.

Newport, R. I. (Special)—The ceremony that united in marriage Miss Ellen French, daughter of Mrs. Frances Ormonde French, and Alfred Grayson Vanderbilt, the second son of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, and head of the Vanderbilt house, was celebrated at high noon. Newport has seen many fashionable weddings, but none has ever taken place here that for grandeur of arrangements or for the social standing of the participants has equalled this one.

Price Set on Pat Crowe's Head.

Omaha, Neb. (Special)—At a secret meeting of the City Council it was decided to offer a reward of \$5000 for Pat Crowe, dead or alive, irrespective of the suspicion that he may have been concerned in the Cudahy kidnaping. The conditions make no reference to any particular crime. The maker a total price of \$15,000 on Crowe's head.

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Jamestown, Tenn. (Special)—The People's Bank of Livingston, Overton county, was robbed of \$5,000. No trace of the burglars has been discovered.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A coroner's jury in Philadelphia on the body of Father Rigout brought in a verdict that his death was due to optic poisoning, naming the persona now under arrest as responsible with others not yet caught.

Morse Clapp, of St. Paul, was nominated for the short-term United States senatorship on the first ballot at the Republican caucus in St. Paul, Minn. By the will of the late Marcus Daly, filed in New York, the widow gets a third of the estate, and the balance is divided equally among his children.

Mrs. Mary Pritchard, of Parkersburg, W. Va., was frightened into fainting by a masked man, who awakened her with a demand for money and food.

The four-masted schooner William J. Lipsett, of Somers Point, N. J., went ashore on the heavy lee shore near Keyes and will be a total wreck.

Two mortgages given by the Grand Trunk Western Railway Company for \$16,500,000 were filed for record in Marshall, Mich.

The remains of former Governor James A. Mount, of Indiana, were buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, in Crawfordsville.

Real Admiral George W. Sumner succeeded Rear Admiral Sillas Casey in the command of the Philadelphia navy yard.

A building in New York that was being reconstructed collapsed, and two men were killed by the falling bricks.

Thomas Shaw, a prominent inventor of Philadelphia, died from paralysis in Hammondon, New Jersey.

The two convicts who escaped from the Virginia State farm were recaptured near Richmond.

Isis Morgan, a love-luck youth of 19 years, committed suicide in Fairmont, W. Va.

The deadlock in the Delaware senatorial situation is still unbroken, but Adieck declares that he can secure enough Democratic votes to elect him whenever he wishes.

The American Board, in Boston, was advised of the death, in Constantinople, of Rev. Dr. Elias Riggs, the oldest missionary of the board.

Michael Snyder was shot and killed in Mahanoy City, Pa., by his brother Albert, whom he had discovered in illicit relations with his wife.

At the conference of foreign mission boards, held in New York, a reply was decided upon to be made to a statement issued by the Chinese friends of the Army Reorganization Bill succeeded in getting a vote on it, and the bill was passed by the safe majority of 43 to 23.

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Samuel Lewis, the notorious money-lender of London, is dead.

QUEEN BREAKING DOWN.

The Aged Victoria Cannot Stand Strain of War Troubles.

NOW IN HER EIGHTY-SECOND YEAR.

The Officials Admit that the Great Strain Upon Her Powers During the Past Year Has Told Upon Her Nervous System—By Advice of Her Physicians She Will Abstain From Transacting Business.

London (By Cable)—Members of the royal family were gathered in the room adjoining Queen Victoria's bed-chamber at Osborne House, Isle of Wight. The Queen is unconscious and the end is expected at any moment.

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Amplifying rumors were in circulation in London. They spread throughout the United Kingdom and to the European capitals. Inquiries as to the Queen's condition poured into the offices of the government officials. At 10 o'clock a special train, with the following official announcement regarding the Queen's health was issued from Osborne, Isle of Wight:

"The Queen has not lately been in her usual health, and is unable for the present to take her customary drives."

The Queen during the past year has had a more severe strain of her powers, which has rather told upon her nervous system. It has, therefore, been thought advisable by Her Majesty's physicians that Her Majesty should be kept perfectly quiet in the house, and should abstain for the present from transacting business."

Sir Francis Laking, surgeon to Her Majesty, has been called in to consult with Sir James Reid, Her Majesty's resident physician. The Queen has been suffering greatly from insomnia of late.

The reports of her illness caused considerable excitement, and affected the stock market adversely.

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Some of the Work Being Done by the National Legislature.

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LI HUNG SIGNS NOTE.

Pekin (By Cable)—The joint note of the powers has finally been signed by the Chinese peace commissioners.

It is understood that the malady from which Li Hung Chang is suffering is Bright's disease.

Prince Sheng protested to the court against the appointment, said to be contemplated, of Viceroy Chang Chih Tung as plenipotentiary in the place of Li Hung Chang. He thinks the latter's advice absolutely essential.

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Was Suspected of the Murder of Pearl Forbes Last November Near Leavenworth.

Leavenworth, Kan. (Special)—Fred Alexander, the negro who, on Saturday evening, attempted to assault Miss Eva Roth, and who was supposed to have assaulted and killed Pearl Forbes in this city, in November last, was taken from the sheriff's guard by a mob and burned at the stake at the scene of his crime, half a dozen blocks from the center of the city.

The negro was taken from his cell at the State Penitentiary at a three o'clock in the afternoon, placed in a hack and brought to town. Fifty deputy marshals surrounded him, and Deputy Sheriff's Sime Myers and Thomas Brown sat in the hack on either side of him.

There were fifty buggies and wagons in the procession which followed the hack. The trip to town was made quietly, and there was no attempt to create a disturbance on the road.

The crowd first attempted to goad Alexander by peaceful means, but Sheriff Everhardt refused to deliver the negro. Then the crowd pushed its way to the side door, and, using one man as a battering ram, the door was forced from the hinges. Then the crowd surged into the corridor and the narrow doorway. A huge iron bar was secured and the iron door of the cell room attacked. This was finally bent so that it could be forced far enough back for men to climb over it. Several gained an entrance in this manner. De Witt made the fastest movement down the side gate of the stockade, and in a moment there was a yelling pack in the jailyard.

Then the cry went up: "He is not here! He has escaped!" There is a tunnel between the jail and the stockade, and he has been taken out that way.

Then a man with sharp eyes espied the negro crouched down in one of the corners of the dark cell. An exultant cry went up: "He is here! We've got him! Bring the keys!"

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Richmond, Va. (Special)—By the death of a train on the James River Railroad, near Albemarle, Engineer William H. McCartney was killed and Fireman Charles H. Clay was badly injured. The accident was caused by the breaking of the flange of one of the wheels of the locomotive as it was rounding a curve. Several cars were wrecked.

Retired Army Officer Dead.

Washington (Special)—Gen. Beckman Du Barry, a retired United States Army officer, is dead. General Du Barry was of New Jersey. He was retired by operation of the law December 4, 1892. For meritorious service during the war he received the rank of lieutenant and brevet colonel in 1865. He became brigadier general in 1890 and was retired two years later.

Alleged Plot Against Czar.

Nice (By Cable)—The police have arrested Prince Victor Nakhichevitz, a Russian, on the charge of plotting to take the life of the Czar on the latter's approaching visit here. Prince Nakhichevitz, who is a nihilist, was condemned to death in Russia as an accomplice in the conspiracy of 1880 against the life of Alexander III, grandfather of the present Czar. He was also convicted in Paris of being illegally in the possession of explosive machines.

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Durkin Inaugurated.

Indianapolis (Special)—Wm. T. Durkin was inaugurated Governor of Indiana. In the presence of the General Assembly and many spectators, the oath was administered by Judge Dowling at the Supreme Court. Civic and military display marked the occasion. At the capitol Colonel Durkin was introduced by retiring Governor Mount. In his inaugural address Governor Durkin favored the non-partisan management of State institutions and the revival of the Legislature against the danger of too much legislation. He strongly recommended arbitration of all labor difficulties.

SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

Verdict in the Jennie Bosschleier Case, in New Jersey.

JUDGE SAYS VERDICT IS A JUST ONE.

The Three Cruel, Cowardly Assassins of the Pretty Mill Girl May Be Given a Thirty-Year Sentence Under the New Jersey Law—A Fourth Defendant Is Yet to Be Tried.

New York (Special)—Walter C. McAllister, Andrew J. Campbell and William A. Death, three of the four persons indicted for the death of Jennie Bosschleier, a mill girl, of Paterson, N. J., who was murdered on the night of October 18 last, were adjudged guilty of murder in the second degree.

According to the New Jersey law the maximum penalty for the prisoners is 30 years imprisonment. The jury took 14 ballots and after summoning Judge Dixon, fled into the courtroom for a moment and returned very nervous. McAllister seemed more excited than any of the others. He sat biting his lips while waiting. Campbell thrust his hands in his trousers pockets and clenched his fists in them. Death looked anxiously about the courtroom for a moment and then assumed the same attitude as Campbell.

When the verdict was announced the prisoners exhibited neither elation nor relief.

Judge Dixon thanked the jury and said he believed the verdict a just one. He then dismissed the jurors. The court then rose, and the prisoners were taken back to the jail.

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