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A HOPEFUL FEELING.

Breadstuffs Active and Higher and Provision Staples Advancing.

Special telegrams to Liverpool's emphasize the favorable crop reports of the past fortnight, and while indicating no special revival in general trade, except in sugar, show that the feeling in business circles at larger cities is more hopeful, owing to the improved crop outlook and renewed buying at some points in the interior.

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MATRIMONIAL DIFFICULTIES

OF KING MILAN AND QUEEN NATALIE.

Why the Crown Prince of Serbia was Taken From His Mother and Restored to His Father.

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KING MILAN.

how deserving. Besides, Queen Natalie did interfere in politics, and schemed to have Russian influence predominant in Serbia.

Queen Natalie has asked the Emperor of Austria for permission to reside in Vienna, but Franz Josef has replied unfavorably, recommending her to take up her abode in Belgium or England.

The reports of business failures number 141 in the United States this week, against 152 last week and 152 this week last year.

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DEATH IN THE RAPIDS.

Six Lumbermen Drowned in a Northwestern River.

Nine men left the camp of the Eau Claire Lumber Company, to begin their day's work. They took a boat forty-five miles west of Calgarry, on the Pow river, and began descending the series of rapids.

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QUEEN NATALIE.

King Milan was educated at Paris. He succeeded Prince Michael on the Serbian throne in 1868 at the age of fourteen.

From that time dates Natalie's matrimonial misery. Milan constantly kept his eye on Vienna, while Natalie was leaning toward Russia.

EXPIRED IN AGONY.

Two Deaths From Hydrophobia at Chicago—A Terrible Scene.

Two deaths from hydrophobia occurred in Chicago.

The first case was Elsie Kelly, a three-year old girl, who was bitten by a small dog a few days ago.

The other case was that of Daniel Morarity, a laboring man, bitten nine months ago, who died at the County Hospital, after suffering terrible agony.

The man seemed possessed of the strength of a Hercules, and it was only by the most strenuous efforts that he was restrained from doing injury to his attendants.

A Chicago barber claims to have made \$131.40 as the result of his own labor during convention week.

go out, nor receive callers. Her allowances were limited. She could not even complain. In 1867 Natalie secretly left Serbia, taking with her her son, the Crown Prince Alexander.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Six Men Scalded to Death On a Tow-boat.

One of the most frightful accidents which has occurred among Pittsburgh boats took place on the towboat Conroy, owned by Thomas Fawcett & Sons, while she was at Westport, 26 miles above Louisville.

A steam pipe burst and six men were scalded to death. The following is a list of the victims:

- Wm. Page, English, about 25 years old; residence unknown.
Wm. Carrigan, Irish, 16 years old; residence Soho, Pittsburgh.
Robert Jones, about 35 years old, married; residence Jacks Run, Pa.
Wm. Bigley, 42 years old, married; residence Allegheny City, Pa.
Chas. Luster, 59 years of age; residence Jacks Run, Pa.
George McCann, 34 years old; residence Pittsburgh.
Wm. Kelley, about 35 years old; residence unknown.

Patrick Kelly was scalded, but not fatally, and all the rest of the crew escaped.

When the boat reached Westport, 26 miles up, everything, according to the first mate's story, was running smoothly. He took a walk back to the cabin and found all quiet. He stopped and talked to his friend, George McCann, who was lying on a lower berth near the door.

Wm. Page lay near the door, deaf, the blood rushing from his mouth and ears, and the flesh scalded off his body.

Robert Jones was on the floor, and barely alive. He was horribly burned and lived but fifteen minutes. He died with his wife's name on his lips.

Wm. Bigley was still alive when found, but died in ten minutes.

Charles Luster was found outside of the cabin, lying on his face. He was not dead, and told them that he had run out there as soon as he could recover from the shock of the explosion.

George McCann lay dead in exactly the same position he was in when the first mate left him, but half an hour before.

William Kelley was pulled out from under his bunk and was alive, but he was also terribly burned.

Charles Chambers, the other man who slept in the cabin, was blown out of the door, and had a miraculous escape.

The officers of the boat can give no explanation of the accident and claim the machinery was inspected last February, and was then in excellent condition.

FARMERS FIGHTING FIRE.

Great Destruction of Timber, Crops and Farm Buildings in New York.

The unusually dry weather that has prevailed throughout Northern New York for the past few weeks, besides ruining the hay crop, has resulted in a large loss to farmers and others by fire.

At Jasper, Ark., the notorious desperado, Wash Middleton, was killed by an officer while resisting arrest.

At Clear Lake, Iowa, Mrs. Jessie McKinney shot and fatally wounded J. F. Sullivan, of Forest City, who with two other men, was prowling about her residence and refused to leave when discovered.

Forty Victims Avenged.

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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

CLEARED FROM ALL SOURCES.

The Main Facts Related Without Unnecessary Words.

Amos Kenneson, a workman employed in a stone quarry at Efforts station, near Newcomerstown, Ohio, was instantly killed by a huge mass of earth caving in on him while at work.

The four-year-old son of Resin Brown, a farmer living near New Garden, Stark county, Ohio, fell under the knives of a mowing machine, and was cut in such a horrible manner that death resulted in a short time.

A cloud-burst, or water-spout, near Purcell station, on the river Duchoe, Indiana, was followed by a remarkably heavy rain.

The farmers of Crawford county, Ill., have resolved not to raise any wheat, barley or rye for the next three years in an effort to exterminate the chinch bug.

The passenger railway employes of Philadelphia have passed resolutions indorsing a demand for ten hours' work and appointing a committee of each of the roads to see all the men and secure their promise to join in the movement.

A volcanic eruption has occurred at Mak-mata, in Japan, by which 400 persons were killed and 1,000 injured.

Benjamin Beckett, wife and child, of Co-calico, Pa., visited Henry Beckett, of Heidelberg township, Berks county, on Tuesday.

The North German Lloyd steamship Fulda, which has arrived from Bremen, ran down an unknown fishing schooner on the banks of New Foundland.

The Western Iron Association is dissolved. The conference committee of the association met at the association room in Pittsburgh, and after a long sitting came to the conclusion that it was better to dissolve.

A sad catastrophe is reported from Lake Minnetonka, Minn., where four young men, whose names were not reported, were drowned while yachting.

At Wheeling, Thomas Kelly and Harry Christy, convicted recently of the murder of Police Officer Gruen, were sentenced to imprisonment for life.

The great Eau Claire Lumber Company, with headquarters at St. Louis, announced its retirement from business, having sold its \$4,000,000 plant to the lumber trust.

Michael Mack, a fourteen-year-old boy under arrest for burglary, escaped from the St. Louis police and jumped into the Mississippi river, swimming two miles and a half before he was captured.

Patrick Kelly, the sailor in custody at New York for the murder of two shipmates at sea, confessed his crime and requested to be hanged as soon as possible.

A large saw-pipe factory is being erected at East Palestine, O.

Owen Shueky has been appointed postmaster at Rankin station, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Flossie, the two-year-old daughter of John Montgomery, fell into a cistern at Alliance, O., on Saturday and was drowned.

The miners in the Huntington district are said to be in a starving condition, and unless there is a compromise soon an outbreak is feared.

At New York Mrs. Mary V. Yznaga, a leader in the ultra fashionable circles of the metropolis, and who recently secured a California divorce from Fernando Yznaga, was married to Wm. G. Tiffany.

In New York City Harry Rogers, an 18-year-old tough, stabbed and killed a companion, Wm. Dunn, 17 years old.

Near Livermore, Ky., the bodies of two unknown men were found in Buck creek strappled together and with their skulls clamped together with some sharp instrument.

At Brooklyn Marcus Tallman, aged 14 years, became engulfed in a quicksand while bathing and was smothered to death.

The Marine Hospital Bureau is informed that Asiatic cholera is epidemic in Hong Kong.

Rev. E. P. Roe, the novelist, suddenly expired at his home at Cornwell-on-the-Hudson Thursday night from neuralgia of the heart.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Hugh W. Wier, of Pittsburgh, Pa., to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Idaho.

In Nebraska City, Nebraska, during a drunken row at a German gathering Charles Hoffmeister had his skull crushed, and Jack Young and John Hart were shot and severely wounded.

At Clear Lake, Iowa, Mrs. Jessie McKinney shot and fatally wounded J. F. Sullivan, of Forest City, who with two other men, was prowling about her residence and refused to leave when discovered.

A dispatch from Wally Halfa says that three boats loaded with native fugitives who left that place during the attack of the Derwishes on the 20th inst., sank in the river, and that 150 persons were drowned.

The French Chamber of Deputies refused to abolish dueling.

There has been a decided turn for the better in the case of Hon. Samuel J. Randall, and there is now ground for hope that he will speedily recover.

The Independent Labor Party of the United States, through its grand Council, has declared in favor of the election of Harrison and Morton.

The work of the balliffs engaged in making evictions at Kilrush, County Clare, is being obstructed by the people, who have destroyed all the bridges between Kilrush and Killea and taken other measures to delay the progress of the evictions.

\$45,000 BOGUS MONEY.

Two Counterfeiters Captured in Pittsburgh.

A young man named Graham, who boards at No. 184 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, went to City Hall and inquired for the detectives. Officer Coulson was on duty.

Coulson telephoned to the Central station for Sergeant Styx to meet him on Smithfield street, corner Diamond Alley, and started at once for the locality determined to arrest the whole party and prove his suspicions afterward.

He took hold of the first one, took the grip-iron from him and handed his prisoner over to officer Styx.

The old man followed along and the whole party were locked up in the Central Station.

The large satellite when examined at the Central Station contained \$35,000 of hand-made counterfeit money, and there was over \$10,000 in the small one.

ARMING THE CRUISERS.

Progress of the Guns and Carriages for the New Vessels of War.

At the Washington Navy Yard the ordnance officials report very gratifying progress on the guns for the new vessels of war.

The two six-inch guns for the Chicago are practically finished. The last one is being sighted. One ten-inch gun is ready except the breech-plug, and that is in a forward state.

The work upon gun carriages is also being actively pushed. Of the twenty six-inch central pivot carriages for the new ships, six will be ready by September 1; the remainder are in process of construction.

Sufficient six-inch and eight-inch projectiles are on hand to supply the first three ships, including the Chicago. All for the Boston are ready for delivery.

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WRECK AN RUIN.

WILD SCENES OF TERROR.

The City of Wheeling overwhelmed By a Cloud-Burst.

The rain storm which burst over the city of Wheeling and the surrounding country at six o'clock Wednesday evening, is the most disastrous ever known, far surpassing the great storm of ten days ago.

In the Cal-twell's run district, just outside the city limits, half a dozen dwellings were swept away and 12 people were drowned, the victims being Thomas Howley, widow and four children, and Mrs. Stenzel, two children, two nieces, Misses Annie and Alice Wagnard, of Miltonsburg, Ohio, and John Holman, who attempted to rescue the young ladies.

At Bogg's Run ex-Sheriff Henry Kep was drowned in his way home, as was also German family of five, whose names are not obtainable at present.

Along the valley of Wheeling creek from five to 15 miles out the loss is reported terrible, but all communication is cut off.

The United Press reports says: About 10 o'clock, while a number of people were standing on one of the bridges of the Baltimore and Ohio spanning Wheeling creek, watching the swift flow of the waters bearing wrecked shanties and debris of all kinds, the structure suddenly gave way, precipitating all who were standing on it into the flood.

The number of people who were on the bridge is not known, the estimates varying from 30 to 50. Eight persons were rescued at a distance of a mile from the point where the bridge was located, and it is feared that from 10 to 20 persons have perished.

At Cal-twell's run, in the lower end of the city, four dwellings were swept away by the flood and eleven persons drowned.

A young man named Howan, the wife and four children of Thomas Howley, three members of the family of John Stenzel, a dairyman, and two visitors at his house, are among those believed to be drowned, and it is feared there are more to be included in the number.

Much damage is reported from the Wheeling Creek Coal Works, many dwellings in the creek bottom having been flooded from their foundations, and only saved by colliding with the boundary fence.

Myron W. Hubbard, of the firm of Hubbard & Paul, wholesale grocers, is supposed to have been drowned, as he was on the wrecked Baltimore and Ohio bridge when it fell.

No street cars are running on account of bridges in the city having gone out spanning Caldwell's run.

The Valley of Wheeling Creek is full of ghastly sights. For miles the shores are dotted here and there with the bodies of human beings, horse, farm animals and household pets, and the wreckage of houses and out-buildings.

At Triadelphia the damage was especially great. Search resulted in the discovery of a number of bodies of those who lived at Triadelphia. Most of them were found among the drift which collected at Elm Grove, some distance below.

William Gaston, aged sixty years, a wealthy and prominent man, who owned the famous "Gaston Orchard," was drowned, as was his wife.

The body of Charles Caul Bell, aged fifty, was found among some drift-wood. Mrs. Jane Fay, wife of Moses Fay and her two daughters, Alice and Belle, both of whom were grown up, were found dead near Elm Grove.

The bodies of two brothers named Gorman, both young men, were recovered in a meadow, where they had been hurled by the furious waters.

All these people lived at Triadelphia. At noon the best estimate by conservative people of the number of lives lost is twenty-five, and the loss to property \$150,000.

The names of the persons drowned at Caldwell's Run are: Wife and four children of Thomas Howley; Mrs. Stenzel, a widow, her son Herman, aged 20, a daughter, two nieces, Anna and Alice Wingard, of Miltonsburg, Ohio, who were visiting, and a hired girl, name unknown; John Holman, while attempting to rescue the Stenzel family, was also drowned.

As yet but two bodies have been recovered, those of Mrs. Stenzel and Alice Wingard.

DELUGE IN OHIO.

St. Clairsville, Ohio, and vicinity were visited by a most terrific thunder storm, violent winds, and a rainfall that eclipsed the average water-pout. Grain fields were laid waste, shocked wheat was swept away and the growing corn it is not to be seen.

The Bellaire & St. Clairsville and the St. Clairsville & Northern Railroads are almost entirely washed out. The incoming train on the B. & O. was stranded at Echo, and the trainmen and passengers as best they could escaped with their lives, the water, filled with drift, running to the headlight of the engine. Several narrow escapes are reported.

CROPS IN EASTERN OHIO.

Not So Much Damaged as Was Expected—A Bountiful Harvest Ahead.

Inquiry of farmers in Eastern Ohio elicits the information that the crops are not in such a demoralized condition as was anticipated from the drought in the spring and the constant rains since July 1.

In Columbiana, Carroll and the upper end of Jefferson county the effect of the drought is not very noticeable but in Belmont, Harrison and the lower end of Jefferson county, the ground was so badly parched that it has not wholly recovered under the recent warm rains.

Hay is light, and the crop of grass, timothy and clover will be very short. Wheat is only moderate, though much heavier than anticipated.

Of oats a more than average crop will be harvested, Corn never looked better at this season, the stalk being high and sturdy and the ears giving indications of being full and sound.

Along the river, however, and up the small streams the corn was badly damaged by the recent high waters. The early crop of potatoes is very short, but those planted late promise to materialize very heavy. Upon the whole the farmers of Eastern Ohio have every reason to hope for a bountiful harvest.