

# TEN LIVES LOST IN A PANIC.

## TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN A THEATRE AT GATEHEAD, ENGLAND.

A Boy Drops a Burning Match and This Little Incident Leads to Horrible Results.

London, Dec. 28.—A frightful panic occurred in the Royal theatre, Gatehead, resulting in the loss of a number of lives. Gatehead is a considerable city in Durham, and as nearly the whole population is engaged in manufacturing industries during the week, the places of amusement are usually crowded on Saturday, and owing to the Christmas season, the Royal theatre was thronged with working people. The audience, while not unruly, indulged in more license than is allowed in most London theatres, and boys smoked in the balcony without any apparent objection on the part of the attendants.

One of the boys smoking got so interested in the play that he accidentally dropped a burning match on the people below him. The match set fire to some of the theatrical furniture, exactly what is not known; but, at any rate, the slight blaze communicated to a partition. A woman noticed the fire and shrieked that the theatre was burning. At once the audience, which had been all attention to the play, was aroused, and not comprehending the exact danger, made a sudden and simultaneous rush to escape. Every aisle and avenue became packed; and the audience, which was numerous enough to have made exit slow and difficult had there been no panic, became one panting, struggling mass of cursing men, and crying, half-suffocated women and children. The strong, hairy men from iron works and mills showed no pity for the weaker sex. If a woman or child fell beneath the strain, she or it was at once crushed under iron-shod heels. Men climbed on each other's heads, and sought to tread over the quivering mass of humanity to safety. Women pleaded for their little ones, holding them above their heads as far as arms could reach, and the babies, with the breath being squeezed out of them were saved in several instances by being crushed under the strong hands of men able to hold them with one arm above the crowd. Down the main staircase, crushing the life out of his body, which was flattened to the door. Down with him went the eight or ten at the head of the mass, and they, too, had the lives stamped on them. The players, the shrieks and loud oaths, with appeals for mercy and execrations against the Creator, made a hell in front, at the foot of the stairs, where the panic-stricken people were dying and dead, over which the escaping multitude had to climb. Meantime those on the stage had not been idle. It was soon apparent to the players that the panic had little or no cause, and they shouted appeals to the people to be still. One actor, in the attire of a magician, climbed into the balcony from the stage and implored the audience to be calm. "Return to your seats," he cried, "there is no fire; the only danger is in your panic."

Some of those who returned at his words, and stopped their share in the mad struggle to get out, but the large majority heeded not the warning and pressed on. Two men, who had no other way of escape, leaped from the windows into the street and were severely injured. Many slid down into the pit by the supports of the balcony. The theatre was a scene of length emptied and the panic over it was found that 10 were dead and that many others had broken limbs and were otherwise seriously injured. It was not until a few minutes after the disaster that the players had occasion to the horror, but a slight affair, having only burned through a thin partition, and was easily extinguished with the buckets of water which were lying by, however, to make some smoke, which hung about the ceiling, and the sight of the smoke had much to do with perpetuating the panic, when it might otherwise have been calmed.

The city of Gatehead has been thrown into general mourning by the calamity. Many pathetic incidents were noted in the terrible rush for the door, but it is also stated that the display of brutal selfishness overcame every other feature of the awful occurrence.

### THE CONDITION OF BUSINESS.

Reports Show Much Less Complaint as to Collections.

R. H. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Trade this season is unusually light, merchants being engaged in taking stock, but at many points it is reported larger than usual and even larger than last year.

Reports from cities show less complaint as to collections, and a large trade in progress. At Pittsburgh trade is unusually good. All lines with iron and steel manufacturers more hopeful, and the glass trade fairly good. At Cleveland wholesale trade is good, though the shoe trade is dull. The cotton trade is good at Cincinnati and prospects very fair, cigar makers exceeding last year's work. At Chicago sales and collections of merchandise exceed last year's in spite of soft country roads and the holiday trade is phenomenal; receipts of wheat, corn and rye are double last year's, of dressed beef three times last year's. Increases in flour is a third, and in oats, barley and cattle larger notwithstanding the complaints of car famine throughout the week. Money is easy and demand good. At Milwaukee open weather and bad roads retard trade, but the holiday business exceeds last year's, though traders in country towns are suffering.

Southern cities report less cheerfully the low price of cotton raising dullness at Memphis and Galveston and so at Savannah. But at New Orleans business is more active and larger in volume, though cotton receipts are heavy and sugar is fairly active, with money in strong demand. The great industries close the year with more than usual activity.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last six days number for the United States 257, for Canada 33, or a total of 290, as compared with totals of 335 last week and 320 the week previous to the last. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 433, representing 933 failures in the United States and 30 in the Dominion of Canada.

Postal Cards in Three Sizes.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The Post-office Department has commenced to issue at the larger postoffices two new sizes of postal cards. The small card is the same width as the one now in use, but about one-third of an inch shorter. The large card is fully an inch longer and about three-fourths of an inch wider than the present card. It is said by the department that the small card is of much finer quality than the old card. It is of a light gray color, very strong and hard to tear.

The large card is of commercial yellow color and said to be of excellent quality. The stamp bears the likeness of General Grant and the engraving is the work of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. All three sizes of cards will be issued and the people will take whichever they prefer. The quality of the new card is said to be much better than the old one.

# SOME CHRISTMAS CRIMES AND FATALITIES.

## People Whose Life Ended With the Day of Great Rejoicing.

Gettysburg, Pa.—Joseph Shadle was shot and killed and his brother, Frank Shadle, was seriously wounded by Officer Krouse at Littleton. The Shadle boys had raised a disturbance and the officer tried to arrest them. They resisted with the result stated above.

New York—A brawl occurred in Tomt Gould's dive, which culminated in the murder of John J. Wogan. Joseph Selling an ex-convict did the shooting.

Schreiber, Neb.—Charles Behren, while on a Christmas spree, completely disemboweled his brother with a butcher knife and escaped. The wounded man died.

Georgetown, Colo.—In a row in the Italian settlement, Adam Chiaroturi shot and killed his brother-in-law, Guiseppe Peretti, and his brother Marco. The murderer then killed himself. He was only 19 years old. The trouble started over a Christmas celebration.

Chicago—E. W. Emery, a Pullman Palace car conductor, was stabbed by Martin Badger, the well-known Wabash avenue merchant tailor, and will probably die. The trouble grew out of Mr. Badger's jealousy, which had been aroused by Emery's attention to his wife.

Lowell, Mass.—Mrs. Alma R. Moulton was murdered in a most cowardly and brutal manner about a midnight by her husband, Frank R. Moulton, a dissipated barber, who beat her brains out with a flat iron. Moulton and his wife have had frequent quarrels over family matters.

Detroit, Mich.—The body of Frederick Shindler was found in a cemetery, having been literally hacked to pieces. He had left home Wednesday night to get some evergreen for Christmas and the police had been unable to find him until today's discovery. The only cause assigned for the murder is that he had \$14 with him when he was last seen, and nothing was found in the cemetery. The police are searching for the murderer or murderers.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Peter McNally and John Dougherty were struck at Swiswale by a Pennsylvania railroad passenger train and killed on the spot.

Two coal miners, supposed to have been returning from a Christmas celebration, were killed at Willow Grove station on the Pennsylvania railroad. They tried to cross the track in the face of an express train and were both struck down and mutilated badly. Their names were Peter Schmidt and Joseph Miller.

John McGraw, a watchman for the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston Railroad at South Twenty-third street, was killed by a passing train.

Patrick Kelly, 60 years old, died at the West Penn hospital after a few hours of suffering. He was crossing the tracks of the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston railroad at Homestead, when struck by a train.

James Carrigan, a widower, met death as a result of too much carousing on Christmas eve. He staggered to his bed about 1 o'clock. At daylight he was found at the bottom of the stairs with a broken neck. He had fallen down stairs during the night.

### THE LAST OF BOB SIMS.

The Noted Moonshiner and Four of His Confederates Hanged to One Tree. Their Latest Remarkable Crime.

Shubuta, Miss., Dec. 28.—The noted moonshiner, Bob Sims, and his four confederates, Tom Savage, Con Savage and the latter's two grown sons, were hanged to one tree early Saturday morning.

The last desperate act of Sims and his gang was committed Thursday, when they wiped out nearly a whole family. Mr. John McMillan, a merchant of Choctaw county, was receiving a load of merchandise from the landing and Bob Sims leveled a Winchester rifle on the driver and made him unload them at Sim's house, and sent McMillan word he would burn his house and kill him. McMillan's house was guarded that night, but the next night at 11 o'clock seven of the Sims gang, all armed with Winchesters, fired McMillan's house, and shot the occupants as they ran out. Charles Usey escaped unhurt. Flullen Usey was shot, but not mortally wounded. John Kennedy, McMillan's father-in-law, was killed. John McMillan was shot three times and will die. A 13-year-old nephew was shot in the house and burned up. Miss Belle McKenzie, a school teacher boarding at McMillan's, was shot twice in the neck. They then opened McMillan's store and robbed it of what goods they wanted, and left it lighted up and open, scattering shoes along the road.

Three months ago Bob Sims, who was the leader of a band of moonshiners in Choctaw county, in the neighborhood of Womack river, was arrested for running an illicit distillery, which he claimed he had divine authority to run. Two of his brothers, fellow-believers, resented him, killing a bystander and wounding the county sheriff in charge. One of the brothers was killed. Sims and the other brother escaped, and have been hunted vigorously ever since. John McMillan had been a member of the posse pursuing the Sims gang, and it was for that reason they attacked his house. Nine of the Sims gang were injured at the time of his rescue and have gone west.

### LONDON'S FOG SHROUD.

The Metropolis Plunged Into an Impenetrable Darkness—Many Persons Wander Into the River and Are Drowned.

London, Dec. 28.—This city is hidden beneath a fog of phenomenal blackness and thickness. For 70 hours has London, to all intents and purposes, been plunging in darkness. The entire police force has been on duty day and night to protect property. Throughout the day the street lamps, to say nothing of the lights within doors, have been alight, and link-boys are making small fortunes by piloting cabs and other vehicles through the streets by the aid of torches or lanterns. Regular traffic and trade are at a standstill, and navigation on the river Thames has been completely stopped.

Some faint idea of the density of the fog may be gathered from the fact that several people have been drowned and a number of others nearly drowned by wandering into rivers and canals, later having lost their way. Eight bodies of persons supposed to have been drowned in this manner have already been recovered, and many people are inquiring for missing relatives or friends who are supposed to have met death through the fog.

At Leeds alone, according to a dispatch from that place, three men walked into the canal and were drowned.

Many Killed and Injured.

Liabon, Dec. 28.—Advices have been received from South Africa, that while the Coutinho expedition was en route from Quilimane to Maghamba an explosion of gunpowder occurred, by which 60 persons were killed and 170 wounded. Coutinho himself is among the wounded.

# A SUMMARY OF LATE EVENTS.

## SOME INTERESTING ITEMS GATHERED AT RANDOM.

Happenings From Ocean to Ocean Told in a Brief Way.

A year ago three girls and two young men of Ionia, Mich., formed a Suicide club. Three have already perished by their own hands, and one has married and changed her mind. The last to die was May Shell, who poisoned herself at Battle Creek, Mich., Sunday.

Mrs. R. B. Stevens, of Chicago, who was visiting her daughter at Joliet, Ill., was burned to death by her clothes catching fire.

Diphtheria is raging at Deer Creek, Ill. Five children of James Harris have died within a week, and the surviving boy is at death's door.

William S. Parsons, an old and well known market man and August Boonin, were found dead in their respective residences in Philadelphia, their death being caused by escaping illumination gas.

An insane woman created great excitement on a train near Nebraska. She shot the porter, riddled the car windows with bullets, shot at the policeman and was finally captured.

Robert Stevens, of Mercer, Mo., made a wager that he could eat four cans of salmon in 30 minutes. He finished the fourth can in 28-1/2 minutes, lighted a cigar and dropped dead.

The cottage once occupied by the novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne at Winthrop, Mass., was burned. Loss, \$7,000.

Two burglars secured \$1,000 worth of booty from the residence of W. M. Searle at Lansingburg, N. Y. Mrs. Searle saved her valuable diamonds by jumping from a window and breaking her arm.

William Rhoades, of Augusta, Kan., mortally wounded his divorced wife and then shot himself. He wanted her to marry him again, but she refused.

W. H. Dunham, proprietor of a road house at Belleville, N. J., was instantly killed by an unknown assassin Wednesday night. The shot was fired through a window.

The grip is becoming epidemic in New York City. There were twelve deaths in one day making a total of thirty-six since December 15. Four of the city officials are laid up with it.

John George Roth, who fired three shots at the Rev. John Hall in New York, was found not guilty on account of insanity. He will be sent to an insane asylum.

Christmas morning a natural gas explosion wrecked the three story brick house of R. F. Pritchard, Pittsburg. Mr. Pritchard and his wife were severely injured. Their three small children were also badly hurt, as were two other inmates of the house.

For the first time in half a century Canada celebrated a green Christmas, the weather being as mild as June.

A 3-year-old child of John Moeglin, of Canton, Ohio, died from an overdose of cough syrup, in which there was a quantity of opium.

Colonel William Pearsall, a prosperous farmer near Goldsboro, N. C., his wife and two children were burned to death with their home. It is suspected the family were murdered and the house fired.

Mrs. Annie Kelly, a widow, aged 45 years, was burned to death in Albany, N. Y., by a kerosene lamp exploding.

While chopping a Christmas tree in a cemetery at Detroit, Mich., Frederick Spindler was hacked to pieces with his own hatchet, welded by an unknown person.

Henry A. Kilmire, Meriden, Conn., swallowed a chicken bone on Christmas and died.

A 2-year-old child of W. A. Howard, Lincoln, Neb., was smothered to death by smoke.

One man tried to hold up a train at Eau Claire, Wis., but the passengers got the better of him.

Frank E. Williams, of Orange, N. Y., was instantly killed by coming in contact with a highly charged electric wire.

One hundred and forty seven head of cattle were drowned while penned up in cattle cars on a float which sank in the East river at the foot of Tenth street, Hunter's Point, N. Y.

J. B. Sayre, manager of a shoe factory at Norwalk, Conn., gave a check for \$2,500 to a stranger who threatened to blow him up with dynamite if he refused.

### ARKANSAS JUSTICE.

Three Prisoners, Charged With Murder, Riddled With Bullets by an Excited Mob.

Stuttgart, Ark., Dec. 23.—A triple murder occurred in the Dewitt county jail, the victims being a man named Smith, his son-in-law, named Gregory, and a negro, Moses Henderson, accused of murdering a woman. A mob broke into the jail and riddled the three with bullets. Smith tried to save the lives of his companions by declaring that he alone was responsible for the deed, but the mob would not heed him and killed all three.

### 2,000 REBELS KILLED AND 50 LEADERS BEHEADED.

Official News of the Late Fighting in China.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.—Official decrees, issued in the Pekin Gazette, admit that between the 3d and 7th of the month there was sanguinary fighting between the Imperial troops and the rebels, and it is claimed that 2,000 rebels were killed, and the rebel forces entirely routed.

Fifty rebel leaders, taken captive, were beheaded.

### ITALY TO BE PAID.

Uncle Sam to Pay the Indemnity for the New Orleans Mob Murder.

London, Dec. 28.—The "Chronicle's" correspondent at Rome says that the United States Government has agreed to pay the indemnity Italy demands on account of the New Orleans affair, in order to settle the dispute. The indemnity will be paid only for the deaths of those known to have been Italian subjects.

# FOREIGN FRAGMENTS.

Interesting News By Cable Boiled Down to Brief Notes.

The British steamer Cavalier, from Gibraltar for Fastnet, has been lost, and it is feared all on board were drowned.

A dense fog prevailed in Yorkshire, (England). All traffic had to be suspended. In Leeds two men lost their lives, one of them accidentally walking into the river and the other stepping off a barge into the water, both being drowned.

Yellow fever is growing worse in Brazil.

A French vessel unloading a cargo of dynamite at Antwerp blew up. The ship was blown to atoms, but only two lives were lost. The inhabitants of the city mistook the shock for an earthquake.

It is announced at Paris that all diplomatic relations between the French Government and the Government of Madagascar has finally been ruptured, owing to the long dispute as to the right of granting exequaturs to foreign representatives in Madagascar.

The chief acting general of the Chinese Imperial army has been thrown from his horse, and his neck was broken. He was the finest commander in the Chinese army and was greatly admired.

The British steamer Springhill, was in collision with the schooner Gladys of Hartland Point at the entrance of the British Channel. The schooner was out completely in two, and three of her crew of seven persons were drowned.

The latest famine item from Russia is of an act of cannibalism. Three peasants had murdered a shoemaker to rob him, but finding no money they cut up the corpse and attempted to burn it. The charred flesh was found by other peasants, who greedily devoured it.

### DELIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS.

The Great Day of Gladness Passes Off Pleasantly.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—Christmas of 1891 has come and gone, leaving a universal feeling of joy and comfort among the great masses of the people of Pittsburg and Allegheny. The weather was as soft and balmy as springtime. It was really pleasant enough for a picnic. It was indistinctly the festival of children. Old, middle aged and young combined to make the little ones so merry, and that they succeeded needs no elaboration.

The third annual dinner of the Newboys' Home, an old street, was given, and a royal, merry Christmas time was had.

Gusky's merry tenth Christmas tour of orphan's homes of the two cities and presented gifts to all the inmates thereof and the memory of the day will forever be cherished as most dear by the more than 2,000 young people who were made glad by the presents they received from their generous benefactors.

The inmates of the different almshouses and penal institutions were gladdened with plenty of Christmas cheer. Warden Wright of the Western Penitentiary, had the contents of a splendid turkey lunch, and gifts flowed in from the friends of the convicts. A general dinner and treat was given at the City Park Farm. At the county jail the county workhouse the inmates were remembered with a Christmas dinner and treat.

Chicago—So far as the weather was concerned it might have been Christmas in New Orleans. Although the sky was filled with mealy clouds the air was almost summer-like. In spite of the un-Christmas-like weather the holiday was generally celebrated as usual. Foundlings, unfortunate prisoners and the afflicted ones from one end of the city to the other and inmates of various institutions dependent upon charity were feasted with the proverbial good things of the season.

Cincinnati—The Christmas festival given under the auspices of the Cincinnati "Post" for the poor children of the city, proved one of the greatest events in local history. Five thousand children were given a dinner in music hall, each one receiving a box of candy and a useful present. One thousand five hundred were fed at a time, and while others were waiting a band of music and various specialty performers were amusing the hungry throngs. A feature was the singing of "America" by 10,000 voices, accompanied by the big organ. The "Post" raised \$5,000 to meet the expense of the dinner.

### SKIPPED OUT OF OHIO.

The Flint and Pere Marquette Road Leaves the Buckeye State in order to Avoid Heavy Damage Suits.

Toledo, O., Dec. 26.—The recent disaster in the Lake Shore yards in this city, in which ten persons were cooked to death, is the cause of a bitter war between the Lake Shore and the Flint and Pere Marquette roads. The decision of the coroner in the case of the wreck has not yet been made, but it is estimated that \$80,000 were committed Saturday against the two roads by survivors, who were injured. Service was made upon the Lake Shore, but not an F. & P. M. official or employee could be found in the State when the Sheriff tried to serve summons on that road. It seems that last night every Flint & Pere Marquette ticket seller, freight or passenger engineer, conductor or other employee living in Toledo or Ohio was summarily discharged. Not a soul can be found, who has the slightest connection with the road. It has abandoned its vast business interests here and will make its future terminals Monroe and Detroit. It turned an average of 20,000 cars of freight per year over to the Lake Shore, which will now go to the Michigan Central. This is ostensibly because the F. & P. M. would not sign an agreement which was declined by President Newell and on which he insisted after the accident occurred. The roads have been running on a verbal agreement for 12 years, and the great haste of the Flint & Pere Marquette people to leave the State is to save that road from paying probably \$250,000 in damage to injured passengers and relatives of the 10 dead men.

### A BIG YEAR FOR RAILROADS.

About 4,900 Miles of New Track Built in the United States in 1891.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The forthcoming issue of the Railway Age and Northwestern Railroadier will contain a statistical review of railway construction during 1891. New track has been laid in 43 States and Territories on 248 lines and branches, to an aggregate of 4,168 miles. This increases the railway system of the United States to 171,000 miles. The only portions of the country in which no new track was laid this year are the States of Delaware, Connecticut, Nevada and Mississippi, the last named showing in strong contrast to the other Southern States, in which the activity has been notable. The States which added the greatest average are Pennsylvania, Georgia, Washington, South Carolina, New York, Montana, Virginia and West Virginia.

# ELEVEN LIVES SACRIFICED AND A TERRIBLE R. E. WRECK.

## Caused by a Careless Flagman, Who Stopped and Talked Too Long.

Yonkers, N. Y., Dec. 21.—A shocking accident occurred Christmas eve on the New York Central, between the St. Louis express and the Niagara Falls special train. This accident was directly the outcome of a collision which occurred earlier in the evening in the tunnel at Sing Sing. The accident blocked the road, and the thick weather prevented the trainmen on the St. Louis express from seeing the blockade. The boiler of the locomotive of the St. Louis express exploded and the steam did deadly work among the unfortunate who were in the wrecked cars.

The disaster was due to the carelessness of brakeman Albert E. Herrick of the Buffalo express, which was lying still below Hastings. Herrick fled and has not yet been found. He left his uniform in the train and put on citizen's clothes.

From the official report of third Vice-President Webb of the New York Central Railroad, train No. 92, which left New York at 6:40 a. m., stopped at Dobb's Ferry to make some slight repairs on the engine. The danger signal was thrown out and the following train, the Buffalo and Niagara Falls special, was stopped about three-quarters of a mile south of Dobb's Ferry station. The conductor of the Buffalo express immediately sent brakeman Herrick to signal the coming train. He proceeded as far as the station at Hastings. He went inside and talked with the station master, waiting for the Cincinnati and St. Louis express. While Herrick was standing near the door the St. Louis whizzed express past running at a rate of 40 miles an hour. Engineer J. Donohue, of the St. Louis express train, received no warning whatever of the presence of the Buffalo express on the track ahead until he was almost upon the train. He reversed his engine, put on the air brakes, and jumped for his life. The engine crashed into the rear of the Buffalo special, with terrible force.

The total number of those who lost their lives reaches 11. The official list of the dead follows: Mrs. Ann Baldwin, of New York; Thomas A. Polly, Boston; Abraham Knight, Wagner car conductor; Miss Libbia Vanarsdale, of New York; Miss Mabel Stock, Annie Ford, Brooklyn; D. B. Murray, New York; Harry A. Jacobson, New York; J. R. Bagnelle, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. A disgusting fact was revealed during the examination of the bodies by the undertaker, that the pockets of several of the victims were found to have been either cut or torn from their clothing and all their valuables, including watches, jewelry, etc., were missing. Inquiry at the hospital among the injured showed that several of them, too, had been robbed. A number of strangers volunteered their services in the work of rescue at the wreck and it is believed that the vandals are among these.

### AMERICAN BLOOD SHED.

#### United States Troops Battle with Mexican Revolutionists.

Captain John G. Bourke of the United States Army, with nineteen cavalrymen and infantry, met sixty Mexican revolutionist at a place called the Retamal in Starr County, Texas, seven miles from where Catarino Garza crossed into Mexico, near El Paso.

As a result Corporal Charles S. Edstrom lies dead at Fort Ringgold with two bullets in his head and one in his body, while Lieutenant Charles Hayes was knocked off his horse by a bullet glancing across his chest. At 6:30 that evening Deputy Marshal M. A. Benada, of Hidalgo county, informed the Cavalry that a large body of revolutionists was rendezvousing below and would make a crossing at the Grulla Ranch the same night to attack Camargo.

Captain Bourke at once moved out with Lieutenant Hayes and nineteen men, half of whom were mounted, to prevent it. They reached the Grulla at 9 p. m. and placed under arms the United States Cavalry. Thomas Garza, who gave information of the revolutionists' rendezvous, and with him marched for the Retamal, a collection of squibs within one mile of that place.

At 12:30 next morning the United States orders and advanced carefully on the revolutionists with orders to make no reply to a challenge. "Quien viva" came from the enemy's pickets, and no answer being made the advance was fired on by the revolutionist pickets.

Then Captain Bourke gave the order, "Fire kneeling," and this was followed by the Cavalry, which made the revolutionists break and run. Deputy Thomas Garza escaped during the confusion. Being very dark, Captain Bourke did not know the ground, did not pursue, but returned to the river, where he heard the revolutionists had three skills ready to cross.

After staying there a short time he took up the line of march again for the Retamal Springs, where the revolutionists were well posted. They opened fire on him at once, killing Corporal Edstrom and wounding Lieutenant Hayes.

Captain Bourke's flankers being driven in, a handful of blue jackets at once advanced. They were outnumbered four to one, and in short order Garza's men ran. Lieutenant Hayes's horse was recaptured, and he completely out of one of the revolutionists, consisting of a Winchester rifle, 120 rounds of cartridges, saddle, bridle and a white badge, worn on his hat, with "Libres fronteros" (free frontier) on it in large black letters.

This gallant and timely attack upon them undoubtedly prevented the sack of Camargo, as was intended that night. These men came from the coast counties and were a party of several hundred, one section being ordered to rendezvous near Los Angeles, near Laredo, to cross above Fort McIntosh, the second to cross at Carrizosa, to draw Mexican troops from Guerrero, Mier and Camargo, so as to leave the latter place unguarded for an attack by the body which Captain Bourke and men defeated.

### CHILI SORELY AFFLICTED.

#### Her Enemies Now Are Fire, Earthquake and Influenza.

Valparaiso, Dec. 23.—A large fire occurred in Santiago, in the Calle San Diego, on the property of Senores Gaudarillas and Lucia Guadra. Several buildings were gutted. The damage was 800,000 pesos. Several firemen were injured. An earthquake shock was felt at 11:35 a. m. yesterday at Los Andes and Ilimache. It lasted 30 seconds. The influenza has broken out at San Fernando and is making rapid headway.

### Sixty Men Blown to Pieces.

Lisbon, Dec. 21.—Advices have been received from South Africa to the effect that while the Coutinho expedition was en route from Quilimane to Maghamba, an explosion of gunpowder occurred by which sixty persons were killed and 170 wounded.

# HOUSE COMMITTEES.

## List of the Principal Appointments Made by Speaker Crisp.

Speaker Crisp has announced his appointments of the members of the House of Representatives on the various committees. Mr. Mills, who had been Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the Fifty-fifth Congress, has been offered the second place on the Committee by the Speaker, but declines to serve.

The chairmanships have been divided up among the States as follows: Alabama 3, Arkansas 3, Connecticut 1, Georgia 3, Illinois 3, Indiana 3, Iowa 1, Kentucky 3, Louisiana 2, Maryland 3, Massachusetts 1, Michigan 1, Minnesota 1, Mississippi 2, Missouri 2, New Jersey 3, New York 3, North Carolina 3, Ohio 3, Pennsylvania 3, Rhode Island 1, South Carolina 2, Tennessee 2, Texas 3, Virginia 2, Wisconsin 1. Total 55.

The principal committees of the House are made up as follows: Ways and Means—William M. Springer, Illinois, Chairman; Benton McMillin, Tennessee; H. G. Turner, Georgia; W. L. Wilson, West Virginia; A. B. Montgomery, Kentucky; J. E. Whiting, Michigan; B. F. Shively, Indiana; W. Bourke Cockran, New York; Moses T. Stevens, Massachusetts; W. J. Bryan, Nebraska; T. B. Reed, Maine; J. C. Burrows, Michigan; Joseph McKenna, California; S. E. Payne, New York; John Dalzell, Pennsylvania.

Appropriations—W. B. Hoffman, Chairman, Chairman; W. H. Furney, Kentucky; W. C. Breckinridge, Kentucky; A. M. Dockery, William M. Fletcher, C. B. Breckinridge, Arkansas; Barnes Conzler, J. H. O'Connell, Massachusetts; L. H. Lovin, Ohio; D. B. Henderson, William Cozwell, H. H. Bingham, Nelson Dingley, W. W. Gronk.

Foreign State and Foreign Commerce—R. Q. Mills, Chairman; G. D. Wise, Andrew Price, Isadore Raynor, G. H. Bickner, T. J. Geary, G. W. Houk, Ohio; S. R. Mallory, T. J. Harlan, Kentucky.

Coinage, Weights and Measures—R. P. Bland, Chairman; Charles Tracy, J. R. Williams, C. B. Kilgore, S. M. Robinson, Rice Pierce, J. Edgar, D. F. Magner, Harman Stump, H. H. Wheeler, Michigan; Josiah Patterson, J. O'Neill, Missouri; Charles O'Neill, Pennsylvania; John Lind, C. S. Randall, Bellamy Storer, J. H. Kenton, Kentucky.

Rivers and Harbors—N. C. Blanchard, Chairman; T. C. Catoch, Charles Stewart, R. E. Lester, Georgia; R. H. Clarke, Alabama; W. B. Hayes, T. A. E. Chaplock, W. A. Jones, Charles H. Paigo, Samuel Byrnes, T. J. Henderson, Illinois; Binger Herman, S. M. Stevenson, W. R. Stone, Pennsylvania; A. Quackenbush, Kentucky.

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