

# CORNERED BY RATS

## Miss Hull's Desperate Battle in a Belfry.

### SHE WAS SEVERELY BITTEN.

#### While Mending a Broken Bell Rope the Rodents Attacked Her.

Armed Only With a Knife She Kept the Rats at Bay Until Help Arrived—Her Rescuer Also Badly Bitten—The Physicians Say It Will Be a Long Time Before She Will Recover from the Effects of the Poison in the Animals' Teeth.

**NORTH PLAIN, Conn., Feb. 15.**—Miss Lavinia Hull, of Myrtle Hill, three miles north of here, had a narrow escape from death in the Myrtle Hill Baptist Church.

Miss Hull is a sturdy young woman of 18 years, and for three years she has performed the duties of janitor of the church. She has built the fires, swept the floors and rung the bell regularly every week, and the people of the parish are proud of her.

While Miss Hull was ringing the bell for prayer meeting the bell rope suddenly parted. Then she climbed into the belfry, with a lantern, to repair it. When she reached the gloomy place she found that the rope had been gnawed in two by rats near the ceiling.

She began to mend the strands, but had proceeded only a little with her work when she heard a squeaking sound behind her. Looking around she saw a host of shining balls in the darkness.

She knew they were rats and she swung her arm at them, but much to her surprise the animals did not disperse. On the contrary, their number rapidly increased until she was completely surrounded by a ring of gleaming eyes.

The girl became alarmed and prepared to descend to the vestibule of the church, but before she was erect the vicious rodents rushed at her in a body and sprang upon her, lacerating her flesh wherever they could find a place to set their teeth.

Miss Hull had no weapon but a heavy pocket knife with which to defend herself, and she used it to good advantage as possible, managing to keep the rats away from her face and throat.

Miss Hull possessed a luxuriant growth of hair, which hung in a braid down her back. The braid was completely severed from her head by the rats and her arms and shoulders bled profusely from the wounds made by their teeth.

She tried to reach the trap in the floor from which a ladder led to the vestibule, but failed. She was alone in the church and the nearest house was a quarter of a mile away, but with a desperate hope that some one would hear her, she began to scream for help.

Luckily, Arthur Rawson was passing, and hearing the girl's cries, rushed into the church and climbed into the belfry. He fought the rats as best he could and drew Miss Hull toward the ladder, which she descended. As soon as she reached the vestibule the animals were frightened away by the light.

The struggle Rawson was badly bitten. The physicians say that it will be many weeks before Miss Hull fully recovers from the effects of the poison of the rats' teeth.

## THE BALTIMORE'S MEN'S CLAIM.

### Some of the Sums Demanded Are Very Large, Aggregating \$1,300,000.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.**—In a few days there will be forwarded to Secretary Blaine the formal claim of the sailors and others of the United States man-of-war Baltimore who were injured in the fight with the mob at Valparaiso.

Some of the sums demanded are very large. The total claim foots up in the neighborhood of \$1,300,000. The largest sums are demanded by John Hamilton and Jeremiah Anderson, both coal heavers on the Baltimore at the time the assault was committed.

Hamilton received three bad wounds and thinks that \$50,000 is not too much for the Chilean Government to pay for each wound. Anderson has three or more marks as the result of his being in the row, but he says he will be satisfied if he can get hold of \$150,000 Chilean money. The other claims vary from \$50,000 up to \$100,000.

Lawyer F. A. Orr has the cases of twenty of the men. He says he thinks the men are justified in asking the amount of indemnity they have. "If the Chilean Government turns over to the United States \$1,000,000, as she should, for this unfortunate affair, why we want it," said the lawyer with a smile.

## Searching for Typhus Cases.

**PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 15.**—The authorities are searching for a number of immigrants who are supposed to have been passengers on the ship which brought over the typhus victims. Preparations have been made to place them in quarantine in case they are located, but so far no trace of them has been discovered.

## Referent Inebriates.

**DWIGHT, Ill., Feb. 15.**—The National convention of reformed inebriates who have been cured by the bichloride of gold treatment is in session. Most of the leading towns in the country are represented by men of prominence, who have been enabled to abjure the liquor habit through the Dwight treatment.

## Immigration Falling Off.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 15.**—The Landing Department of Ellis Island reports that a total of 4,039 steerage passengers were landed at the bureau during the past week. For the corresponding time last year a total of 5,257 were landed, a falling off of nearly 1,200 over last year.

## New Jersey Prohibitionists.

**NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 15.**—The State Convention of the New Jersey Prohibition party will be held at Trenton April 19. The convention will elect 28 delegates to the National Prohibition Convention and a new State Central Committee.

## Missing Since January 31.

**ROCKY HILLS, Conn., Feb. 15.**—Samuel R. Morton, a wealthy but eccentric farmer of this place, has been missing from his home since January 31. It is thought that he has been led away by luscious

# A FINANCIAL HINT.

## WHAT ARE THE BEST INVESTMENTS.

### A Prominent Financier Divulges Some Points on the Large Dividends Paid by Industrial Companies.

(N. Y. Recorder.)

I had a long talk yesterday with one of the most observing financiers of Wall Street. He is a man known universally, and whose ideas and judgment are eagerly sought. I found him in a genial mood and he became very confidential, but insisted that I withhold his name.

"It is intensely interesting," he said, "to watch the rise of millionaires and great fortunes. There are so many kinds. Some are made by speculation and have little stability. Others are secured by valuable enterprise, by giving people something they want, something they need. The latter are upon the surest possible basis. For example, people must have coal oil. Look at the fortunes made from its production. People must telegraph, must telephone. See the millions that have been made by these things. Men and women will get sick. Are you aware of the enormous fortunes that are made in supplying a real cure for the rheumatism? Well, there is one especially. The gentleman who discovered it has made millions, and the company that owns it is coining money."

"Have you any objections to telling me what it is?" I asked.

"Confidentially, no. I refer to Mr. H. H. Warner. He is a very wealthy man, and his medicine business pays a dividend of from 15 to 20 per cent. annually. He manufactures the Safe Care we hear so much about. I learn, too, that he is about to aid the manufacture of Baking Powder, which will doubtless double his profits."

"It is a stock corporation, is it not?" "Most decidedly. But I mean to remark that a limited amount of stock is obtainable, but only by certain persons."

"Why is that?"

"The idea, as I understand it, is to have people personally interested in its profits, and their influence naturally tends to double the dividends. Any man can go to work with some of his stock at least, but it is worth if the balance that he holds will be doubled in value thereby. You can see that, can't you?"

"Clearly."

"I have heard that Mr. Warner, personally, does not hesitate to put up a guarantee for the next five years, not less than 10 per cent. dividend per year will be paid—the chances are it will be three times that amount. If you are interested in the matter though, why don't you drop a line to Mr. H. H. Warner at 50 Broadway. He probably has some inside information that will be of value to you. I have told you all I know, but you can get all the truth by writing to headquarters. Try it."

"What other good investments do you know of?"

"Several, but none so sound as this. I always look carefully for stability as well as large dividends, and anything founded upon the needs of the people is found to open a rock. Now take my advice and write to Mr. Warner. He will be certain to answer you."

I tried to draw the financier out upon other subjects, but he was so filled with the idea of the Industrials as the best and surest of investments that he would not talk of stocks, bonds, or other fluctuating securities. I have thought the subject over very carefully, and I believe he is right. Certainly there can be nothing more certain than public needs, and nothing more sure than a standard article that applies to the needs of all who may be seeking information upon the subject of investments, and who may feel like writing to headquarters, as I was advised to do—HAMILTON.

## Death in the Flames.

**YONKERS, N. Y., Feb. 15.**—A fire, the cause of which is unknown, totally consumed the residence of James Whalen, near Ardsley. Mr. Whalen's sister met her death in the flames, while the other occupants had just sufficient time to escape, being compelled to flee in their night clothes.

## Examiner Willman Dead.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.**—Dr. H. O. Witman, of this city, but formerly of Harrisburg, Pa., died suddenly in his 63rd year. He had been suffering a few days only from erysipelas and was not supposed to be in any danger. He was one of the medical examiners in the Pension Bureau.

## The Chess Match.

**HAVANA, Feb. 15.**—After a short truce, play was resumed in the chess match. Steinitz opened the eighteenth game, winning after thirty-nine moves. The score now is: Steinitz, 7; Tschigorin, 7; drawn, 4.

## New Steamship Line.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.**—The Bureau of American Republics is informed that the French Transatlantic Steamship company has established a new line from Marseilles to Colon, touching at La Guayra and Puerto Caballo.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The thermometer registers 28 degrees below zero at Lyndonville, Vt.

Archbishop Corrigan sailed from Nassau, N. P., for New York, today.

Edward McMillan, the Wilkesbarre, Pa., wire manufacturer, fainted when Sheriff Robinson read the death warrant to him.

Conrad Bratt, a Newark, N. J., waiter employed in a restaurant at 70 Orange street, committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid.

John Shay, a brakeman on a Central New Jersey freight train, fell, putting on the brakes of a train at Plainfield, N. J., was thrown between the cars and killed. He left a wife and seven children.

Ice harvesting in Rockland County, N. Y., is practically ended. The Knickerbocker Company have housed 199,000 tons at Rockland Lake, and local dealers along the Hudson have nearly all filled their houses.

**Weather Forecast.**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.**—For New England: High southerly later shifting to northwesterly winds; cloudy weather with rain or snow and cold wave; decidedly colder and cloudy weather to-morrow and probably light blizzard of snow.

**For Eastern New York:** Cloudy weather; high southerly winds, with snow; blizzard colder and cloudy to-morrow.

**For Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland:** Breeze and high southerly to northwesterly winds, with rain followed by snow and later clearing; cold wave; decidedly colder and fair to-morrow.

## ROSSINI'S CENTENARY

### It Will Be Celebrated Throughout Italy and the Continent.

**LONDON, Feb. 15.**—On the last day of this month the centenary of the birth of Rossini will be celebrated throughout Italy and generally on the Continent.

A committee of leading musicians, including Marchetti, Terzani, Pinelli and Maltura, has been formed in Rome to carry out the arrangements.

The Government has decided to mark the occasion by the publication of the composer's correspondence. To this end a special commission has been allowed to search the archives of the Paris Opera and the French Ministry of Fine Arts for any interesting documents, especially if likely to throw any light upon the puzzle and mystery of Rossini's life—his thirty-nine years of absolute silence in composition after the completion of "William Tell."

In this connection it is worthy of remark that in a recently published musical work by an English writer, Mr. Weber, organist of the German Chapel Royal in London, the explanation is given that Rossini made a vow never again to write a note of music, because he despaired of ever attaining the height of musical perfection reached by Beethoven and Mozart.

It will be interesting to see whether his letters confirm this explanation of the problem.

At Pesaro, the maestro's birthplace, the festivities will last a week or more. The townspeople of Pesaro have resolved to purchase the cottage where Rossini was born and convert it into a museum.

At Venice, where many of the master's works were first produced, besides operatic representations, there will be a water carnival.

At Turin a grand performance of the "Stabat Mater" is announced.

Paris will observe the centenary by a performance of "William Tell."

Some disappointment is felt that no mark has so far been made in London to mark the occasion.

## ON THE CO-OPERATIVE PLAN.

### Miners Considering a Proposition Concerning the Briceville Mine.

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 15.**—The labor people at Coal Creek have been holding numerous conferences during the past few days.

One thing which has caused some of the conferences was the proposition made by the Tennessee Mining company, viz: To conduct the mine at Briceville on the co-operative plan.

The miners have not fully decided yet what they will do, but the indications are that the offer will be accepted.

It is said now that if the offer is not accepted the company will sell its property to the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railway company, the penitentiary lessees, which will put convicts to work.

The State has the larger part of her standing army encamped on the hill at Coal Creek and the expense is heavy. It is certainly true that if the troops are withdrawn the convicts will be released again.

## IMMIGRANTS DETAINED.

### Russian Hebrews Sent to North Brother Island for Examination.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 15.**—The steamship City of Berlin is detained at Quarantine for examination of Russian passengers—forty in number.

Etima Zurialenko, aged 48, a Russian Jewess, was taken sick February 9 with, it is supposed, typhus fever. The patient was transferred to Riverside Hospital on North Brother Island by the quarantine boat. The steerage passengers, all in 203, will be transferred to Hoffman Island for observation.

The steamer Belgenland has seventy-five steerage passengers who are from Russia. They will be detained until the quarantine officials can learn whether or not they came from infected districts.

The steamer Russia has a large number of Russian immigrants who are also detained.

## Decisions Against the County.

**DENVER, Col., Feb. 15.**—In the case of H. H. Dudley, capitalist, of New Hampshire, against the county of Custer, the plaintiff was awarded damages in the sum of \$3,847.50. If sustained, the effect will be to compel the several counties of the State to pay out nearly \$3,000,000. When they organized at various times, the counties issued county warrants to raise funds, and the securities were placed upon the market. Custer county repudiated her debt, hence the suit. Many Eastern capitalists are interested in similar suits.

## Joe Bartlow's Claim.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 15.**—Joe Bartlow, who is of a dark complexion, claims to be a full brother of Jack and Mary Bartlow, who are white. He alleges that he was born with a dark skin, but that he was recognized during the life of his parents. C. C. and L. L. Bartlow, as a laudable son and was treated as a member of the family. He now claims that because of his dark skin his brother and sister are attempting to defraud him of his share of his father's estate. He has brought suit.

## Defends the Keeley Cure.

**WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 15.**—Dr. Hayner of the Keeley Institute in this place ridicules the statement that young James G. Fair, the son of ex-Senator Fair of California, whose death occurred in San Francisco, died from the effects of the Keeley treatment. Dr. Hayner says that young Fair might have had organic heart trouble or other disease from which he was likely to die at any time. Of the 55,000 persons who have taken the Keeley treatment, Dr. Hayner says the death rate has been much less than under other treatments.

## Mexico's Commission.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.**—The Mexican Government has appointed its commission to assist in the work of preparing its representation at the World's Columbian Exposition. It is a very able one, the members being selected especially for the particular part of the work entrusted to their charge, and they will take a personal and professional pride in making the best possible display.

## Carnegie Increases His Subscription.

**PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15.**—Mr. Andrew Carnegie has authorized an increase in his magnificent \$1,000,000 library fund to the extent of \$100,000. The additional sum will be used in the establishment of the interior of the library building.

## PAID UP RAILROADS

### On and after November 15, 1891, trains will leave Shenandoah as follows:

For New York, via Philadelphia, week days, 11:45 a. m. and 5:15 p. m. For Baltimore, week days, 8:00 a. m. and 4:15 p. m. For Potomac, week days, 8:00 a. m. and 4:15 p. m.

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