...es and on telegraph information the car may be ordered on to Chicago or New York City.

There are some men who will put up their hands when they are told to do so by a man with a gun, and others that will not. When the man is found who will not do it, the chances are that one is also found whose courage is stronger than the other's gunpowder. An express messenger, who, with a hole blown through his car by dynamite, with bombs exploding around him and with pistols leveled at him by hold-ups, can pick up a lighted bomb and hurl it out of his car, at the same time defying all the bandits who are threatening him, certainly deserves to be called a brave man. This was what Express Messenger Charles did in Oregon the other day, and in doing it he foiled, single handed the attempt to rob his car. There are few finer instances on record of the triumph of one man's courage and determination over brute force.

Reporters are often more active and more gifted with an instinct for detail than the officers, says Charles E. Grinnell in the Atlantic. Together they make a formidable combination. But they are often divided in opinion, and yet oftener in their sympathies. Reporters, like the average citizen, are more apt to pity the prisoner, if for nothing else for the very reason that the police are down upon him. It is an ambition of reporters to unearth more facts than the police. Newspapers print news from a prisoner's friends as readily as news from his persecutors. Nevertheless, they spread abroad the charge against a suspected person more than he or his friends wish. Since the newspapers begin long before a trial to work up a popular interest in all the persons concerned, the results cannot be other than an exaggeration of the importance to the public of what stimulates and gratifies curiosity, whether or not it affects the question of the prisoner's guilt.

Four Young Girls Dead as the Result of Starting Fire With Kerosene.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Four persons were burned to death and two seriously injured in a fire at 4.30 o'clock A. M. which destroyed the residence of J. G. Miller, on Charles street, Knoxville, a suburb of this city. The dead: Rose Miller, aged 23 years, terribly burned and died on the way to the hospital; Amelia Miller, aged 19 years, suffocated by the smoke; Amanda Miller, aged 16 years, suffocated; Sylvia Miller, aged 9 years, suffocated.

Two other daughters aged 11 and 13 years, escaped without injury.

The fire was caused by the eldest daughter, Rose, pouring kerosene in the stove to start the fire for breakfast. The oil in the can ignited, and the explosion which followed scattered the burning oil over the room. The flames spread so quickly that Mr. Miller was forced to jump from the second-story window, after rescuing his wife and two of his younger daughters. Rose was burned almost to a crisp and died before reaching the hospital. The three others were overcome by the smoke. Their bodies were found in the ruins after the fire had been extinguished. Mrs. Miller was just recovering from a severe illness, and is almost distracted over the terrible affair. Fears are entertained that she will not survive the shock.

Robbed of $1,000.

Wheeling, W. Va., (Special).—At Belton, Marshall county, four masked men assaulted and robbed Lindsay Burley and members of his family, securing over $1,000 in cash, besides other valuables. The family, consisting of father, mother, son and daughter, were bound hand and foot by the robbers. While one stood guard over them the others ransacked the house. The robbers tortured the father and made him reveal the hiding place of the money. A posse of citizens and bloodhounds are scouring the country in search of the robbers.

China to Learn From Japan.

London, (By Cable).—"China has asked Japan," says a dispatch from Shanghai to the Daily Express, "to lend one general and 50 officers to drill the Chinese troops, and also to lend experts to reorganize the Chinese financial and police departments."

Canadians for South Africa.

London, (By Cable).—The War Office has announced that it has accepted Canada's offer of 600 mounted men for service in South Africa.

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Now ...ted that the brigands will wait until the disappearance of snow before resuming negotiations for the release of Miss Stone.

James ...etcher, for 18 years United States consul at Genoa, Italy, is dead.

Sir Thomas W. Reid, in an article in the Nineteenth Century, quotes a member of President Roosevelt's Cabinet as saying that English people do not realize the depth of feeling existing outside of England on the subject of the South African War, nor the extreme gravity of the situation. It was also stated that appeals are being made to the United States by European powers to take some step to end the war.

Sir Thomas Lipton, at a banquet given in his honor in London, announced that should no one else challenge, he was willing to consider making another attempt to lift the America Cup.

The German Foreign Office announced that the report that the nations to the Triple Alliance were making a concentrated demonstration in South American waters was false.

Miss Helen Vanderbilt Wackerman became violent and tried to throttle her nurse in a London asylum. She was placed in a padded cell.

The French Chamber of Deputies, by a vote of 295 to 249, adopted the sum of 265,000,000 francs for the Chinese indemnity loan.

Dick Burge, the pugilist, was arrested in London on a charge of complicity in the recent Bank of Liverpool frauds.

It is reported from Sofia that Consul General Dickinson will notify the brigands, fixing 10 days as the period within which they must accept £10,000 as Miss Stone's ransom, or the United States will stop all dealings with them.

Count von Hatzfeldt-Wildenburg, former German ambassador to Great Britain, died at the embassy, in London.

Through the dishonesty and betting transactions of a bookkeeper the Bank of Liverpool loses $850,000.

Financial.

The New York Subtreasury statement shows that the banks lost $2,882,000 last week.

It is said a $2,000,000 car wheel company is to be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey.

One report has it that the rise in Jersey Central is due to a supplementary offer by Reading interests for outstanding stock of the company.

Lee, Higginson & Co., of Boston, were awarded the $1,000,000 Boston & Maine Railroad 3½ per cent. twenty-year bonds at $102.92.

...physical educati... $35... non-alcoholic medication, $35... chise, $175; total appropriation for the year, $14,355.

Multiplex Telegraphy.

Boulder, Col., (Special).—Dr. William Duane, professor of physics at the State University, has been granted a patent for an invention by which a large number of telegraph messages can be sent over one wire and return at the same time. It is said he has had as many as eighteen circuits working on the same wire and return all at the same time. On any of these circuits the Morse instrument can be placed and used exactly as with the single wire now in use. Dr. Duane's invention is based on the principle of synchronizing motors.

Bought by the B. & O.

Marietta, Ohio, (Special).—The Ohio and Little Kanawha Railway between this city and Zanesville, which was supposed to have been sold some time ago to the Wabash system, has been sold to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Both systems were anxious to acquire the road, the former to complete its line from the lakes to the seaboard by way of the undeveloped coal lands of West Virginia. The latter wants it to connect its Southwestern system with the main line. The purchase gives the Baltimore and Ohio connections with its own line both at Marietta and Zanesville.

Captain Jumped Overboard.

Mobile, Ala., (Special.)—The British bark Birman, Wood, from Rio Janeiro, in charge of Mate Poe, arrived here and reports that on November 18, the captain, named Morris, killed the vessel's steward. The body was buried at sea. The captain kept in his cabin, pacing up and down. When informed that Sand Island light was sighted November 22, he gave the mate the course, picked up a sea lead, jumped overboard and was drowned.

Stole $20,000 in Silver.

El Paso, Texas, (Special).—The fact that 112 bars of gold and silver bullion valued at over $20,000, were stolen six months ago in transit from the smelters here to Eastern refiners, has just come to light. The shipment was ma... over the Galveston, Harrisbu... Antonio Railway under h... was not missed until ... New Orleans. It has b... that the bullion had b... the car near the city an... buried in Western Tex...

MILLIONS FOR RO...

Expenditures by the ... Be Unprec...

Philadelphia, Pa., (... penditures to be made ... vania Railroad Company ... rolling stock will aggregate $25,000,0... a sum believed to be unprecedented ... railroad history.

Of this amount about $19,000,000 w... be expended for cars and the other $... 000,000 for locomotives. As already a... nounced, the company will require 19,0... new freight cars for 1902, the grea... number of which have already been ... dered. While no locomotives for 1... delivery have been ordered, the requi... ments in that direction for next ye... have been determined upon approximat... ly at 400 locomotives. Of this numl... 300 will be required for the lines east ... Pittsburg and 100 for the Western li...

All of these locomotives will be of ... heavy modern type. With the except... of about 100 all of them will be d... by the Baldwin Locomotive Works ... the American Locomotive Building Co... pany.

200 Believed to be Lost.

Manila, (By Cable).—The l... steamer Alerta, with 200 passengers, ... cluding some discharged American ... diers, bound from Olongapo, Subig ... for Manila, is believed to have ... lost. The United States distilling ... Iris has been aground on a reef ... Iloilo for three days. The cruiser N... York and the gunboat Yorktown h... gone to her assistance.

Big Fire at Murfreesboro.

Murfreesboro, Tenn., (Special.) ... Fire started in the warehouse of J... Rather & Co. here and soon spread u... the entire Depot Hill district was ... flames. About $80,000 worth of prope... is in ashes.

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE NEWS.

The grand jury in Jeffersonville, I... indicted Newell C. Rathbone, the ... fessed insurance swindler, for mur... in the first degree.

Charles ...ken, aged 32 years, ... Boston hospital from the effect ... off his tongue.

...e Commissioner John J. Scan... New York, and William Mark... roker, were accused of conspiracy.

The Louisville and Nashville Rail... advanced the wages of all its sho... in Louisville 10 per cent.