

A Case that is Puzzling Chicago Doctors.

CHICAGO, December 20.—The Daily News says: The doctors are puzzled and interested by a peculiar case on the West Side, at No. 86 Seelye avenue. Willie Crawford, aged seventeen years, son of William Crawford, captain of a tugboat, has for several years been sweating blood at times, and lately has had severe attacks which alarmed his parents. His infirmity comes on him usually after taking cold. Great black patches appear on his body, from which blood drops the size of a pin-head exude. Blood flows from his mouth, nose, eyes, stomach and even from the bladder and kidneys. No pain accompanies these discharges, but they make his blood thick and weaken him. Sudden fright will temporarily check the flow.—He is mentally bright, and his father, mother, brothers and sisters are strong and healthy. The physicians who have taken an interest in his case propose sending him to Edinburgh and London for examination by the Academy of Surgeons.

Judge Lynch.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 21.—A special from Tupelo, Miss., gives the following account of a most horrible crime committed in Monroe county, Miss.: On Saturday night two men giving the name of Miller prevailed on Mr. Brown Redding to allow them to sleep in his house over night—About eleven o'clock the neighbors found flames issuing from the house, and it was soon destroyed. Search in the ruins revealed the charred remains of Mr. Redding, his wife and little daughter. The two strange men were pursued, and one of them, being captured, told a story to the effect that he and his accomplice chloroformed the family, secured twenty seven dollars in money, a watch and some clothing, fired the house and fled. His captors then determined that he should be punished with his own weapons. They pinioned him, arranged pine splinters, saturated with chloroform, around him, and set them on fire. Diligent search is being made for the other murderer, who, if caught, will doubtless share the same fate.

Terrible Accident.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 20.—A fearful accident occurred on the Carolina Central railroad about three miles beyond Lincolntown this afternoon. The entire passenger train except the engine, which passed over safely, went through the trestle, which at that point is nearly fifty feet high. Full particulars cannot be learned yet, but it is definitely known that the mail agent, David Bloom, and a passenger by the name of J. W. Goodson, were disabled by the accident and subsequently burned up in the flames which communicated. It is supposed the flames occurred from the coal stove used on the road and communicated to the splintered and shattered cars, which were piled one upon the other in the chasm. Conductor Harris Johnson escaped with slight injuries. There were very few passengers on the train and it is not known that any one else was killed.

Fatality Among the Children.

That great enemy of little children—scarlet fever—is said to have assumed the form an epidemic in the town of Houtzdale, Clearfield county. A private letter from Mr. Jacob Fries, who is in business at that place, to his brother, Mr. J. D. Fries, imparts the sad intelligence that eighteen deaths occurred in one day. The disease has been denominated malignant scarlet fever, and the local physicians have advised all who can possibly do so to leave the town until its ravages have been checked. Eighteen deaths in one day in a town the size of Houtzdale is distressing to contemplate.

A Monster of the Deep.

There was shipped over the P. R. R., by freight Monday afternoon a "leviathan of the deep" in the shape of a whale.—It measured fifty-one feet in length, weighed thirty-eight tons and was most remarkable for the terrific stench that it emitted. When first dragged into port at New York the monster weighed forty tons, but lost two tons by reason of having been disemboweled. It was laid on its back on two gondola trucks, was packed in ice and protected by a heavy canvass covering. It was manifested to Chicago for exhibition in some museum.

She had a Small Foot.

Mrs. Brady has just got a verdict for \$1,000—she claimed \$15,000—from the city of Cleveland. She swore that she stepped into a hole on Twelfth street and severely hurt herself. The defence proved the hole to be 3 inches by 12. The jury doubted. Her counsel measured her foot in court. It was 2½ inches wide and not over 8 long in the shoe. This would make a No. 13 misses' shoe fit her.

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