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A FATAL EXPLOSION

Two Men Almost Blown to Pieces.

WERE THAWING OUT DYNAMITE

An Indian Hanged for Murder—Extensive Fires—An English Steamer Dispatch.

FRESNO, Dec. 28.—The explosion of a 22-pound box of dynamite yesterday near Big Sandy, 40 miles from Fresno, will probably result in the death of two men. O. C. Grider had both hands blown off and was seriously injured internally. An unknown man had one arm torn off and was terribly burned. The men were thawing out dynamite over a stove. Grider has a wife and three children.

A Human Skull Found.

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 28.—Quite a sensation is being caused by the finding of the skull of a human being in the bed of Santa Rosa creek, near the flouring mills here. The condition of the skull indicates that the person to whom it belonged has been dead less than two years. Physicians who examined it there is no doubt that the person has not been dead longer than that. There has been much speculation over the ghostly find. Deputy Sheriff Dougherty has possession of it, and many have been to see it. About two years ago, a Chinaman named Wing Lee was murdered in a gambling house by a Chinaman named Ah Sam. Sam fled out of the back door just as the officers appeared in front, and was never seen since. It was believed at the time by many that friends of Lee had killed Sam out of revenge and hid his body. Every effort was made to find Sam, but with no results. It is now believed that the skull found is that of Sam, who, it is believed, was murdered, his head cut off and thrown into the stream, while the body was buried elsewhere.

The Missing Vessels.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Although the schooner John F. Miller was sighted only a few days ago 10 miles west of the Farrallones, she has not since been heard of, and fears are expressed that she was driven out to sea again. Provisions are likely to fall short, and it is not unlikely that more or less suffering will be caused by her delay. As the Miller was in a disabled condition when sighted, there is no reason for uneasiness. The coal-laden bark Sea King was reported 10 miles north of Point Reyes on Tuesday last. Nothing has been heard of her, although she has had ample time to reach port.

Another vessel, the ship J. B. Brown, has not passed in. The belief prevails, however, that they will all come in.

China's Commissioners Preparing to Start.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.—Peace Commissioner Chang Ying Huen has left Tientsin for Che Foo, and is expected here January 6th, when he will join Peace Commissioner Shao Yoo Tien and go to Tokio. Shao Yoo Tien was formerly governor of Formosa, and offered a reward of about \$12,000 for the destruction of a big Japanese warship and for the capture or destruction of the smaller Japanese warships, \$8,000. He offered a schedule of rewards to be paid to the Chinese who took Japanese soldiers, dead or alive. For the head of a Japanese officer, 200 taels were offered and for the head of a Japanese private 100 taels. On this ground it has been asserted the Japanese would refuse to receive him as a peace commissioner.

Panic at Rio Janeiro.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A special to the World from Montevideo says Rio Janeiro is reported to be in a panic. Troops refuse to leave the city for the South. President Moraes has discovered that the army is devoted to Piexoto. The principal officers refuse to assume command to take the field in Grande do Sul and the whole country seems on the brink of rebellion again. More than 200 officers have been arrested, and are imprisoned in the surrounding forts under a heavy guard. It is rumored that an attempt will be made by insubordinate military leaders to rescue their comrades from prison. Precautions have been taken to prevent this. President Moraes is afraid to act energetically or to order Piexoto's arrest, it is said, fearing to precipitate a serious conflict.

Cheated the Government.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 28.—John M. Taylor, 60 years old and blind, was yesterday sentenced to five years in the Detroit house of correction for perjury and presenting false claims against the government. For 20 years he has been

drawing a pension of \$72 per month, for total blindness alleged to have been caused by a gunshot wound received in the army. A wound on his breast was caused by blister plasters, and five examining boards passed it for gunshot wounds. The blindness was the result of sickness contracted two years after the war. Taylor pleaded guilty, and claimed that the fraud was planned by pension attorneys. He has drawn \$18,000 fraudulently from the government.

China Violated Her Promise.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A Peking dispatch says that, in accordance with the petition of the governor of Shantung asking the emperor to punish Admiral Ting, the taotai, Lung, and General Wei, an edict has been issued ordering the immediate arrest and punishment of these officials.

A Shanghai dispatch says that the United States government has instructed Minister Denby to demand satisfaction from the Chinese government for having violated a promise given in regard to the surrender of Japanese spies at Shanghai.

Claims He Is Persecuted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Charles K. Hardin, acquitted last October of stealing \$35,000 from the Adams Express Company, was arrested today on a fugitive warrant, charging him with breaking into a house in Kansas City in which he claimed his wife was concealed. Hardin declares his recent arrests are the result of persecution by the Wells-Fargo Express Company. He says after his acquittal at Nashville the Adams Express Company filed a suit against the Wells-Fargo Express people for \$35,000, and as he is an important witness the latter company desires to prevent his testifying in the case when it is tried in New York. His claims of persecution are laughed at by the police.

A Blaze at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—Fire destroyed a three-story brick block at the northeast corner of Broadway and Fillmore avenue. The building was occupied by Eckert & Co., Oswald, Tinker and Charles Weisman as stores. The fire spread over the whole block and across Broadway to a three-story brick block extending from Fillmore avenue to Gibson street, burning out Eckhart, furniture, the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Frost's grocery store, Obar's photograph gallery, Cobler's furnishing goods store, Kakur's real estate office and Stover's grocery. The loss will reach \$300,000. Owing to frozen hydrants it was 30 minutes before the firemen could turn a stream on the flames.

An English Steamer Disabled.

GLASGOW, Dec. 28.—The Anchor line steamer Anchoria, Captain Campbell, from New York, arrived here today and reported that in latitude 55 N. longitude 12 W. she sighted the British steamer Sarnia, Captain Couch, bound from Portland, Me., via Halifax, for Liverpool. The Sarnia had lost her rudder. The Anchoria passed hawsers to the Sarnia and towed her two days. Severe weather was then encountered, the hawsers parted and the Anchoria was obliged to leave the Sarnia about 150 miles west of Terry island.

No Truth in the Story.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The secretary of the Japanese legation here, M. Kato Tsunida, says there is no truth in the account credited to the Shanghai Mercury, December 24th, that the chief conditions of peace upon which the Japanese insist are a close Chinese-Japanese alliance against European influence, the development of Chinese trade and commerce by Japan, and Japan to undertake the effective reorganization of the Chinese army and navy.

An Absurd Rumor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Relatives of Mrs. Russell Harrison pronounce as perfectly absurd the rumor that she had taken up a residence in South Dakota for the purpose of making application for divorce. They say the rumor doubtless arose from the fact that Mrs. Harrison spent the month of August at the Hot Springs of South Dakota, where she took her little daughter Marthenia for her health.

Another Chance for Eppinger.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—W. L. Eppinger, convicted of forgery, sentenced to fourteen years and recently granted a new trial by the supreme court on the ground of wrongful conviction, has again been indicted by the grand jury for uttering a fictitious check. The supreme court held on appeal that no forgery was committed, because the name on the check uttered was fictitious, hence the present indictment.

A Maharajah Dead.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.—Chamrajendra Wadiar Bahadur, maharajah of Misore, one of the most important native princes of India, has died of diphtheria.

ALLEN WANTS IT

And the Walla Walla Populists Indorse Him.

WHO WILL BE THE SENATOR

An 11-Year Negro Girl Rescues Three Little Brothers and Sisters From a Burning House.

Lead Mine Found by a Doctor Looking for Pieces of Bone.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The latest surprise in surgical operations is the removal of 11 feet 2 inches of 1-16 wire from a man's body. This operation was performed at Bellevue by Dr. Rathbun. The case is one of the most peculiar on record. John Scanlan, a machinist, has worked several years for Kahn Bros., proprietors of the East-river lead works. Among other things manufactured there is lead wire, used largely for wrapping purposes and by electricians. The lead wire is made by forcing a mass of metal through a die under a hydraulic pressure of 600 tons. The metal is hot, but cools as it is forced through the die in the shape of wire. Scanlan was at his post in front of the die last Saturday. The machinery suddenly stopped. The man leaned forward and grasped the wire already sent through, when there was a loud report; the die, or a portion of it, was blown out and Scanlan was knocked to the floor. When he recovered from his dazed condition he felt no pain except in his left arm. He went to Bellevue hospital a few hours later, where the surgeon found a small abrasion of the skin near the wrist, which had the indications of a fracture of the elbow, with displacement. Monday it was determined to remove the portions of shattered bone supposed to be there, and Dr. Rathbun began the work. The point of the surgeon's knife had scarcely gone below the cuticle when he stopped, looking very much astonished. Then he pulled out a piece of lead wire. Another followed, and still another, until, out of the three-inch opening in the flesh, over eleven feet of wire was drawn. Yet there had not been the slightest break in the skin or wound of any kind except the little abrasion already alluded to. The doctors think that the explosion followed Scanlan's taking hold of the end of the wire and that the wire, driven with great rapidity, by the explosion, caught on his wrist and was shot into his arm as by an immense hypodermic syringe. Being soft and malleable, it struck the humerus, probably, and doubled up and down the forearm and was imbedded in the muscles. Scanlan will leave the hospital in a few days with his arm as sound as ever.

Bridge Was Burned.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—The Southern Pacific's westbound Sunset limited, the well known fast train between San Francisco and New Orleans, was wrecked and burned in Southeastern Arizona this morning, but, according to advices received through railroad headquarters, none of the trainmen or passengers were badly injured, though it is supposed they must have received a shaking up. The wreck was caused by a bridge or trestle-work being burned enough to weaken it, and the engine plunged through it, carrying the train along. How the passengers and trainmen could have all escaped serious injury is a miracle, though the fall from the bridge could not have been many feet. The disaster happened at an early hour this morning, before daylight, and the scene of the terrible plunge is a new station, named Ochoa, on a newly-built part of the track, about 15 miles east of Benson. Two elegant sleepers were burned, and at the time of the report the composite-car was burning, with no hope of saving it. There were altogether five cars in the train. The private car Cleopatra was on the rear with Mrs. Emery and a party for Pasadena, and escaped from the fire. It is not known here just how the fire started, but it may have been from the gas in the Pintsch reservoirs, with which the cars are equipped. The speed must have been very rapid when the engine struck the bridge, for the train was behind time. A wrecking train was sent out from Tucson, which is not far west of Benson. New Pullman cars were also ordered to the scene, and the passengers will be transferred and brought here, arriving probably tomorrow morning.

Two Firemen Killed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Battalion Fire Chief John J. Breslie and Fireman John J. Rooney, of truck 12, were killed today

by the falling of a floor during a fire, which gutted several stories of the gas and electric fixtures factory of the Cassidy & Sons Manufacturing Company, 124 West Twenty-fourth street. The fire did \$60,000 damage. Assistant Foreman William Hennessey, of engine 18, had his leg broken, and three other firemen were slightly injured. When the fire was discovered it had made considerable progress. The building is six stories in height, and extends from Twenty-third to Twenty-fourth streets, where it occupies numbers 133 and 135. The ground floor of the building extends through without a break, but above that there is a wellhole, which leaves a space of 25 feet between the two buildings directly in the center of the block. When the firemen responded the flames were bursting through the three upper floors. All the fire was on the Twenty-fourth-street side. The flames must have started in the fifth floor, where chandelier arms are made. There is a number of buffing machines on this floor, and it may have been a smoldering spark from one of these that caused the outbreak.

Chief Breslie was on the fourth floor directing the movements of the men, when suddenly a heavy water tank on the roof came tumbling down, carrying with it the fifth floor. A mass of blazing debris fell on the firemen, pinning Breslie and Rooney under the girders. The other men reached the stairs in safety, but the stairs fell as they were hurrying down and the men fell in a heap on the third floor. Assistant-Foreman Hennessey's right leg was broken. Fireman Amman was injured. Their companions dragged them to a place of safety. Then heroic effort was made to rescue Breslie and Rooney. The flames were kept from attacking the bodies of the unfortunate men, but they could not be reached by their comrades.

The Tong-Haks Suppressed.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai says that the Japanese, after four hours' fighting December 23d, with a force of 6,000 Tong-Haks, suppressed the rebellion at Hachin, in the province of Whang Haïdo, where the rebels had deposed the governor and installed one of their number in his place. The Japanese have also dispersed the Tong-Haks, who held the Korean garrison at Chullado.

Guatemala's Envoy in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 28.—The Guatemalan envoy was received today by President Diaz, attended by all the ministers and principal generals. The minister's speech was pacific. President Diaz, in replying, said: "Your visit will be pleasing in any event, but it will be still more so if it put an end to the state of alarm existing between Mexico and Guatemala."

Why Premier Wekerle Resigned.

BUDA PESTH, Dec. 28.—Premier Dr. Wekerle has informed his party that he has resigned because he found he did not have the full confidence of the crown. The ministry would hold to the principles of the pending reform bills, he said, and these bills must be adopted without change.

Bloody Work of Burglars.

WOODVILLE, I. T., Dec. 28.—The house of Dr. J. R. Burd was robbed by three armed men last night. Burd was not at home, and, to force Mrs. Burd to tell where the valuables were, they choked her until blood ran from her mouth. When she became insensible from the torture, the men ransacked the house and secured \$750 in money. Mrs. Burd will die.

British Expedition Harrassed.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Times from Calcutta, dated yesterday, says the Wazier's continue to harrass the British expeditionary corps, firing into their camp at night and pouring a hot fire upon the British force from the bushes when the column is on the march.

Mrs. Astor's Body.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Early this morning the coffin containing the body of Mrs. Astor was removed from the Astor residence and placed on board the train for Liverpool, where it will be transferred to the steamer Aurania. Astor will accompany the body to New York.

India Levies More Duties.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.—The legislative council has passed bills amending the acts of 1894 by adding cotton yarns and fabrics to the list of imported articles dutiable at 5 per cent, and levying a 5 per cent excise duty upon goods manufactured in India.

Fruit Dish for the Constantine.

CASTINE, Me., Dec. 31.—The presentation of a silver fruit dish was publicly made in the town hall this afternoon to officers of the gun boat Castine. Commander Perry, on behalf of these representatives, thanked the town for the beautiful gift.

STILL NOT SATISFIED

Rev. Parkhurst Hates Byrnes and Likes Parkhurst.

THE LEXOW COMMITTEE FINCHED

Ankeny Says He Has No Political Opinions Except Those of the Republican Platform.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Dr. Parkhurst gave out a statement regarding the work of the Lexow committee, which was endorsed by the society for the prevention of crime. He says:

"I cannot express myself too appreciatively of the splendid work that has been done by the senate committee and its talented counsel. There has been created, through their instrumentality, an epoch in the history of our city, and there has been secured at the polls a municipal resolution, that would have been impossible except through their agency.

Matters had been for so long a time conducted in entire thoroughness, that we had forgotten, that we had ever been distrustful, but late in November the indications were clear that the investigation was not to be pushed to its close in the same energetic and uncompromising manner that had been followed up to that date. A good many days went by in cases, we know ought to be spent upon inspectors and superintendents. In view of all this we are justified in saying that while the committee stood to the rack magnificently through all other portions of investigations they finched at the crisis. As long ago as when Mr. Moss undertook to adduce evidence against Supt. Byrnes in a direct manner, the investigation committee sprang to Byrnes's assistance. They stumbled just at the completion of their work. The chairman of the committee will not dare to deny that it is "policy" (I have used that word advisedly, he will recognize what I refer to) that controlled him in his handling of Byrnes and not a desire to act in view of all the possible or ascertainable facts in the Byrnes case.

Now the presumption is on the side of the superintendent being as much a criminal as any other member of the force. Wherever they have stuck in their fork they have found rot, and whether Byrnes be rotten or not, he has been in the rot for thirty-one years.

There are two ways in which Byrnes has put the committee under obligations, and to that degree destroyed their independence. He put them under obligations by consenting to help defeat Tammany hall. The second way in which the committee put themselves under obligations to him was by taking in to their confidence and allowing him to become a confederate with them in breaking down forces. To the degree in which they obtained help from Mr. Byrnes they put themselves practically under obligations to protect him. Byrnes has frequently attempted to play the same game with the society for the prevention of crime, but we have refused to ally ourselves with the man whom we believe to be more than any other man responsible for the condition of the department.

How Ankeny Stands.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 31.—In response to inquiries as to how he would regard his obligations under the resolutions adopted by the republican state convention, at Spokane, endorsing the free coinage of American silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, Hon. Levi Ankeny gave the following statement for publication:

"I desire to say that I consider it the duty of the representatives of the people to uphold to the best of their ability the view of their constituents, when those views have been clearly and unequivocally expressed. Should I be elected to any position by the republican party, in my judgment it would clearly be my duty to labor for the success of the principle with regard to silver enunciated in the platform of the party adopted by the Spokane convention. That platform must be my guide, and I have only to say further that I would strive to carry out the principles of that platform by every legitimate means in my power and to cause the same, so far as in me lies, to be enforced by appropriate legislation."

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

The Decree is Final.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Owing to misapprehensions caused by the publication of a statement that the decree concerning secret societies was not final, and was to be submitted to the bishops to secure from them their opinions thereon, Monsignore Satolli authorizes the following brief statement of facts:

"The archbishops of the United States have taken counsel with respect to three societies, namely, Odd Fellows, Sons of Temperance and Knights of Pythias. The archbishops decided that the whole question should be submitted to the apostolic see. In a communication from his eminence, Cardinal Monaco, to Monsignore Satolli, the action of the general congregation of cardinals to whom his holiness committed the question, is made known. The congregation, after considering carefully the matter, made the decree; this decree his holiness fully confirmed and gave it complete effect. The decree is, therefore, transmitted to all archbishops, bishops and other ordinaries in the United States, to be by them carried into effect. Monsignore Satolli has acted merely as a medium of transmission, but in view of the contradictory and confusing reports emanating from various parts of the country the facts are thus briefly stated."

Senator Platt's Opinion.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 31.—Ex-United States Senator Thomas C. Platt of New York, who is here visiting relatives, in an interview discussing Rev. Dr. Parkhurst and his methods without reserve:

"I opposed Dr. Parkhurst," said he, "because I did not think his methods practical and because I looked upon his schemes as being visionary. His idea of a one-headed police force is simply absurd, and would put in the hands of the man at the head of that department power that he might use to the great disadvantage of the force. He has done a great deal of good, of course, but I believe his head is swollen by the flattery of the New York papers."

Referring to the resignation of Supt. Byrnes, Platt said: "I do not believe that Mayor Strong will accept it. Byrnes is too valuable a man to lose, and when the department is re-organized, he will be at the head of it, I think."

What Lexow Said.

ALBANY, Dec. 31.—Senator Lexow was shown the letter of Dr. Parkhurst. He glanced through it and informed himself of its general character. Then he said:

"I shall have to read it carefully, and when I have read it, I shall make answer to it. I am not surprised at its tone of condemnation. I expected it, in fact it is a sort of a case of Othello's occupation gone. Other men are getting credit for the exposure. In the law we would call it professional jealousy. If the committee's work of reform goes on Dr. Parkhurst will have nothing to do but preach the gospel. As to his strictures upon the committee's attitude toward Byrnes, I will answer that when I have read his letter through."

An Old Man Found Dead.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 31.—Thomas Fitzpatrick was found lying face down on the ground stone dead about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in the rear of Probst's saloon in this city. The dead man had no family or other relatives here. He was between 65 and 70 years of age, and has lived in this city and vicinity for a number of years. Recently he had been working on a ranch about four miles north of here. He had been drinking heavily for several days past, and from the position in which he was found it is the opinion of the coroner and others that he met his death by falling from a high platform, erected at the rear end of the saloon building, while under the influence of liquor. He evidently been dead several hours, as the body was already stiffening. No inquest was held.

His Punishment Sufficient.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary Herbert has remitted the unexpired portion of the sentence of Lieutenant E. D. Boswick, suspended for one year by court-marshal for drunkenness while attached to the Ranger at San Diego. About 4½ months of the time remain to be served, and as the officer had lost 12 months, the secretary felt his punishment had been sufficient.