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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Fire is raging in the Spring Hill coal mines near Halifax, N. S., and great damage is threatened.

John Hurth a wealthy Montana miner on a trip around the world, was robbed of a large sum of money, deeds, etc., by negro women at New Orleans. The police succeeded in capturing the thieves and recovered the treasure.

The united confederate veterans have undertaken to raise money to construct a memorial building in which to preserve the relics and archives of the confederacy.

The Atlas bank of Chicago is going into voluntary liquidation.

A passenger train was wrecked near Birmingham, Ala., Sunday, killing 21 people and injuring as many more. The train fell through a trestle into the Cahala river. A wrecking train which went to the scene was run into by a construction train and another man was killed.

Charles W. Hoffman, librarian of the United States supreme court since 1873, died at Frederick, Ind., of pneumonia.

A company of fifteen Texas sharpshooters, who went to Cuba to assist the insurgents, were killed to a man in a battle, after killing double their own number.

The crew of the Three Friends, a filibustering vessel, are accused of piracy.

Thomas J. O'Mally, a Chicago Alderman, has been indicted for murder, alleged to have been committed two years ago.

New York politicians are petitioning Major McKinley to appoint Colonel Fred Grant Secretary of War in recognition of his services in the late campaign.

R. B. Jones, ex-paying teller of the defunct Chicago bank, has been sent to jail, accused of embezzling the funds of the bank.

A sensation was caused in the Yorkville Police Court in New York by a prisoner at the bar trying to shoot the prosecuting witness, a woman who accused Samuel Dreyfus of assaulting her with intent to commit murder.

The street railroad managers at Boston are discharging all the leaders in the recent strike.

The contract has been let to tunnel the Cascade Mountains for the Great Northern Railway.

John Meredith Read, a noted American diplomatist, died at Chicago on Sunday.

Otto Masmansdorff, a well-known banker of Chicago, whose bank failed a week ago, shot himself dead on account of despondency over his failure.

E. H. Graham, a wealthy farmer near Atchinson, Kas., shot and killed one of his hired men, presumably because the latter was shortly to marry a daughter of the former against his wishes.

An explosion in a crowded market in Cleveland created a panic, and hundreds of people were injured and lost all their purchases, as well as loose change which most women shoppers carry in their hands.

The Columbia theatre at Anderson, Ind., was burned on the morning of the 24th.

Boston street car men went on a strike the day before Christmas but weakened and returned to work in one day.

The Carnegie steel company of Pittsburgh, Pa., has notified employees that the present scale of wages would be continued for the coming year.

At Franklin, Pa., children accidentally set fire to their house while playing with matches and three were burned to death.

The Stockholm university has just received a bequest of \$10,000 by the will of Alfred Nobel a Swedish engineer.

Miss Annie Held, a French actress, sang on the streets of Pittsburgh, Pa., the day before Christmas, the proceeds to be devoted to the poor of that city. Over \$800 was thrown into her carriage by the street audiences.

One hundred convicts in the Kentucky penitentiary petitioned the Governor for pardon on the condition that they go to Cuba to fight with the insurgents. The Governor was not recruiting troops for Cuba.

A motorman, whose car killed a 7-year-old boy in Chicago on Christmas day, was narrowly rescued from a mob of Poles who wanted to lynch him.

John Adams and Charles Simpson met at a dance at New Madrid, Mo., a few days ago and settled an old grudge. Two funerals followed in due time.

Policeman Lewis Klusman, of Cincinnati, O., caught a runaway horse and saved the life of Mr. Hozier who was in the buggy, and lost his own life under the feet of the frightened animal.

The ex-queen of Hawaii arrived in Boston on Friday.

The fourth lynching took place in Kentucky within a few days, the latest job occurring at Queensboro. Alfred Holt, a negro, was in jail accused of killing a policeman. The mob hung him to a tree.

On November 1st eight school boys were bitten by a dog supposed to have

rabies, at Baltimore. They were sent to the Pasteur institute for treatment, but two have died of hydrophobia, and at least one more is expected to fall a victim, while the other five seem out of danger.

An explosion of fire damp in a coal mine near Princeton, Ind., and sixteen men are entombed in the mine. Six of the men were taken out dead and eight were almost lifeless when recovered.

Dr. Maximo Zertucha, the staff physician with Maceo when the general was killed, has sent a letter to the American press explaining that Maceo fell in battle.

Vincent Sutton, late postmaster at Oretown, Or., was recently indicted for embezzlement of government funds. He walked forty miles and crossed raging streams at flood tide to give himself into custody. He was imprisoned for six months and fined the amount of his embezzlement.

Secretary of State Brown of California has arrived at the conclusion that the soldiers' home at Yountville is private property and the appropriation of state funds for improvements is unlawful.

Robert Copeland, an engineer in a Eureka, Cal., sawmill, was caught on the shafting and whirled around twice, when his clothing tore off and he fell relatively uninjured. The escape was very remarkable.

A boxing match was held Saturday night at a Slavonian Club in Oakland, Cal., during which the referee was assaulted and had a wrist broken and was otherwise used up.

The Northern Pacific contracted for 170,000 ties recently. They are of fir, a portion being hewn. An order for 800,000 ties for a Chinese railroad is reported having been placed. It is correct 30,000,000 feet of rough timber can be marketed in the two orders.

A careful and conservative estimate shows not less than 100,000,000 feet of fir now afloat in Puget Sound. The Port Blakeley mill company has nearly one-quarter of the whole amount, the Puget mill company about one-fifth and the Tacoma mill company nearly one-sixth.

W. W. Everett, Clerk of Police Court No. 2 at Los Angeles, is said to be a defaulter in a large amount. Bondsmen expect to have to meet the city's loss.

A large fruit packing-house at Watsonville, Cal., was destroyed by fire a few days ago. Two thousand boxes of apples, a lot of hay and other property was burned. Tramps are supposed to have caused the fire.

The Ogden Gas company has entered Chicago in competition with the gas trust of that city.

The supreme court at Salem, Or., has granted a new trial to W. E. Ellsworth, who was convicted of poisoning his wife. The decision is based on errors in the rulings of the trial judge.

Adolph Staacke, residing in Deer canyon, San Luis Obispo county, was killed by falling from his wagon, striking on his head. He was a native of Prussia, 57 years old and leaves a widow and two sons.

Guy Stowell of Santa Maria was drowned in an artificial lake one day last week. Three boy companions rocked the boat to scare Stowell and the craft was overturned. The jokers escaped by swimming ashore.

Six tons of turkeys have been shipped by express from Oroville, Cal., during the present month. Farmers from Stoneman river, Rio Seco and other districts on the west side of the river are bringing their turkeys there for shipment.

The seventy-seven carloads of oranges shipped East last year from Fresno county were the product of about 140 acres in partial bearing, whereas 450 acres have been planted up to date, four-fifths in oranges and the remainder in lemons.

John R. Fox uttered the sentence, "Here's to a misspent life," in a Colusa, Cal., saloon one day recently, poured a half-ounce of laudanum down his throat and all efforts to save his life failed. He belonged to a highly respected Missourian family.

The Northern Pacific railway company made a sale last month of \$100,000 worth of timber lands in Mason county, Wash., to the Simpson and the Mason county logging firms. The stumpage value of the lands is held by the company at 85 cents a thousand.

Bonnin Pasha, the chief of the sultan's private police, is a plump, thick-set Frenchman. In 1884 he went to Constantinople as a detective with the French ambassador. Abdul Hamid took a fancy to him and desired him to organize a detective force for service about the palace. A corps of bludgeon men was the result, and their tactics much surprised the Parisian agent, Soudais, a few years ago, when he invited his colleague's help in arresting a notorious swindler. Tapping at the malefactor's door, the Turkish official felled to earth the servant who opened it, and the party proceeded through the house, knocking insensible everybody they met. Soudais was busily engaged in succoring the wounded, while Bonnin collared the real criminal. Bonnin has a comfortable house in Pera, and his wife, as court dressmaker, has considerably increased his savings.

ENGLAND'S BEST SCOUT.

The American Who Killed the Great Matabele Doctor.

He is a Fighter from Texas Engaged in South Africa—A Long Ride on Hostile Soil—The Shooting of M'limo.

Wherever you go you find the American, and he is never in the rear ranks. The best scout in the Matabele war is an American, Burnham, a Texan, who wears a Texan sombrero and rides a Texas saddle. He fights for the pleasure of fighting. "His education and his natural powers of inductive reasoning," says an English newspaper correspondent, "raise him at once to a high rank among the scouts of this or any other country." Burnham's eyes are the wonder of all beholders. They are small, roving, blue eyes. Women fall in love with them. Cecil Rhodes says they can see right through a mountain when Matabele is on the other side of it. Another correspondent declares the sinewy little man—he is only five feet four in height—to be a veritable pocket edition of Hercules. Then he adds, most impressively: "And withal he is modest and truthful," which is something wonderful and unaccountable in South Africa.

Burnham's greatest feat was the shooting of M'limo under circumstances that would have done credit to Davy Crockett. M'limo was the great witch doctor of the Matabele. He started the rebellion, saying that he could turn away the bullets from Uncle Hiram Maxim's patent music box into water if his fellow countrymen would only bring him presents in return for the favor. His throne was in a cave which was the center of pilgrimages for the natives far and near. Burnham determined to kill him. The British officers laughed at his attempt as a "fool's errand." But he enlisted the assistance of a sturdy young Englishman named Armstrong, and they started for M'limo's cave. The hills were fairly swarming with natives, and Burnham and Armstrong traveled by night and slept by day. They led their horses, so as to make as little noise as possible, and also to keep them fresh, as they knew after M'limo had been killed it would depend upon their horses whether they would be able to return to the laager or not.

When they arrived in sight of the cave they found hundreds of natives about, but were disgusted to find that M'limo himself was not there, being two or three miles away. They sent the negro servant whom they had brought with them to tell the witch doctor that some natives were waiting for him with great quantities of presents. Then, like the good scouts they were, they moved on some distance from the place where they told the servant they would wait for him, so as to be on guard in case he played them false. But in doing so they ran plump into a body of Kafirs. Had the Kafirs been Matabele the two scouts would have been killed then and there. Burnham pretended they were in great fear of M'limo and wanted to make him presents. The Kafirs persuaded the Matabele to leave the scouts alone until M'limo came and decided what should be done with them. So they started down the road from the cave to meet M'limo. When they met him Burnham saw that if he shot M'limo the whole crowd of natives would be on them in a minute. After going through a long orgy, M'limo invited them into a cave alone and told the natives to clear out. No sooner were they in the cave than Burnham sent a bullet through M'limo's skull.

"We didn't wait to lay the body out," says Burnham, "but we ran for our horses with all our might. The niggers followed and shot at us repeatedly, but their aim was bad. We put our horses to it for all they were worth. It seemed to me that our horses jumped over some rocks as high as their heads, and it is a wonder to me that they didn't break their necks and ours into the bargain." Though the killing of M'limo did not have the effect that was expected, this detracts none from Burnham's daredevil cleverness.—N. Y. Press.

"A Clincher."
"Of course I don't know much about politics," she said, thoughtfully, "but I should think, John, that you'd sometimes get caught in spite of all your wisdom."
"In one way I do," he replied, "but a man who has been talking politics as long as I have knows how to win a victory even after he's been tripped up."
"But if you find that you're getting the worst of the argument I don't see—"
"Oh, I just run in something about the immutable laws of supply and demand," he interrupted, in his superior way, "and it will prove a clincher for any kind of argument in regard to either the tariff or finance."—Chicago Post.

"Laudering Big Steves."
If your laundering does not iron the sleeves of your shirt waist to suit you, suggest that she can improve them by placing the iron on the inside, and ironing them altogether in that way. You will be surprised at the difference in appearance of two sleeves ironed one from the inside and the other from the outside.—N. Y. Journal.