

**Secretary Tracy's Sorrow.**

His Health Improves, but the Gloomy Effect of the Bereavement upon his Mind is Apparent.—A Steamer Trip Planned for Him.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—It had been arranged that Secretary Tracy would take a trip down the Potomac river as far as the salt water to-day on the "Dispatch," accompanied by his son Frank Tracy and several friends, but, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the project had to be abandoned. While the secretary continues to improve physically, the effect on his mind of the great shock he recently underwent is becoming more pronounced, and he would undoubtedly be greatly benefited by such a trip as the one proposed. Should the weather prove propitious this trip will probably be made next week. Mrs. Wilmerding and daughter are making rapid progress towards recovery from their injuries. This morning Secretary Tracy sent for Chief Harris, Howard Wright, private of Engine Six, and Policeman Cutteli, and talked over with them whole story of the fire, hearing it with wonderful fortitude until his daughter was mentioned, when he broke down, but soon rallied, and as they departed Mr. Tracy said with deepest feeling: "Gentlemen, I owe you a debt I can never repay."

**Great Storm at New Orleans.**

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 9.—A terrific wind storm, accompanied by a heavy fall of rain, struck New Orleans unexpectedly last night. The wind blew at the rate of forty-six miles an hour, and the rain fell in torrents for hours. The streets were flooded, and it was feared that the levees would break. The steamboats "John D. Scully" and "T. P. Leathers" parted their cables and were blown from their moorings, but were rescued by tugs. A large German steamship dragged its anchors and careened so that it was only prevented from capsizing by coming in contact with the wharves at Algiers. Minor accidents and damages to shipping are reported, showing the great severity of the gale.

**BLIZZARD IN DAKOTA AND MINNESOTA.**

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 8.—The blizzard is again abroad in the land, and is on business, as usual. At this time it seems, from specials to the *Pioneer Press*, to be confined chiefly to the Red River valley. It is raging furiously at Fargo, Pembina and other points in that district. The wind was blowing fifty miles an hour at Pembina to-day, and similar reports come from other points.

**ACCIDENT ON THE BALTIMORE & OHIO.**

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 8.—The through mail train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad ran into a huge snow drift east of the Ohio Pyle (or falls city) last night. The engine and the combination baggage and postal car were thrown into the Youghiogheny river. The injured are: Henry Bush, engineer, badly injured; Lewis Burcher, fireman, will recover; John Lindsay, probably fatally.

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**A GHASTLY TRAGEDY.**

Remains of a Murdered Family found in Indian Territory.

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 9.—A cattleman named Joel Hempstead, from Purcell, Indian Territory, reports the ghastly discovery of the remains of a murdered family in the foot hills of Arbuckle mountains, forty miles south of Purcell. On Wednesday a party of cowboys came upon a ravine in which lay the mutilated bodies of a man, woman and two children. The remains had been horribly mangled by wolves. A close examination showed that the whole family had been murdered. The man had three bullets in his body, the woman was shot in the temple, and one child had been shot in the mouth, and the other in the back of the head. An empty rifle with shells scattered about indicated that the man had defended the family as best he could. So far as known robbery was the only motive for the crime. The wagon had been rifled of its contents, and the pockets of the victims had been emptied and turned inside out, and two trunks had everything of value taken from them. No clue yet to the identity of the victims. The authorities are now investigating the matter.

**Brazilian Politics.**

Da Fonseca Doesn't Want a Dictatorship.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 8.—A mob collected before the residence of General DaFonseca, president of the provisional government, and made pronounced demonstrations in favor of a dictatorship. The idea was to have General DaFonseca to resume the position of dictator for five years. Many soldiers were in the crowd. General DaFonseca did not make his appearance, but caused the police to disperse the people. President DaFonseca was afterward interviewed. He said he disliked such demonstrations extremely, and is firmly opposed to the idea of a dictatorship.

**MURDER AND ROBBERY.**

WHITEHALL, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Ransom Floyd and wife heard burglars in their house at West Point last night, and arose to frighten them away. Mrs. Floyd was shot dead, and Floyd was mortally wounded. The burglars then took \$3000 in cash and escaped.

**A SOUTHERN DISPUTE WITH RIFLES.**

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 9.—Capt. Sam. L. Portevak, superintendent of the Louisiana railway, and Thomas H. McEvey, his brother-in-law, had a misunderstanding at Pearl River station last evening. Then exchanged shots, and both were brought to New Orleans this morning in a special car badly wounded.

**A BROKEN LEVEE.**

VICKSBURG, Miss., Feb. 9. The pecan grove levee in East Carroll parish, Louisiana, has broken. Several steamers have left for the scene of the break with laborers, sacks and lumber. Intense excitement prevails here over the danger of great damages to the country from the flooding liable to occur.

**Portland-Dalles Blockade**

It will take Three Weeks to Open the Road.—Traffic by Steamer.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 8.—The railroad between this city and Portland is blocked at different points along the line, and it will take two or three weeks before the road will be opened. The agent is paying \$2 50 and board per day for men to work. West of The Dalles in places the road is covered by land slides for long distances. The steamer *Harvest Queen* leaves The Dalles every day for Portland, carrying passengers and freight. In a few days two boats will be on the route. Heavy floods in the Willamette have pulled the wires down in almost every direction. Nine persons were killed by the accident near the locks, and sixteen wounded. The company is doing everything possible to relieve the wounded. Extra exertions are being made to open the road.

**WRONG ONE KILLED IN THIS CASE.**

EUREKA, Cal., Feb. 9.—Charles H. Bowden shot and killed Mrs. J. H. Price here last night and then shot himself in the neck. It is believed he will recover. Mrs. Price was married to Price last August. Bowden claims she was his wife, but it is the general opinion that he is a love sick crank. The coroner's jury has returned a verdict to the effect that the killing was premeditated.

**Suicided.**

LANCASTER, Cal., Feb. 7.—This morning at 11:30 o'clock, E. E. Willard, a young dentist of Mishawaka, Ind., shot himself in the breast and died within fifteen minutes. He was a stranger and had had a quarrel over his hotel bill with gentleman who went security for him. Financial embarrassment seems to have been the only cause of the deed.

**FAILED TO MURDER—SUCCEEDED IN SUICIDE.**

HAMILTON, Ohio, Feb. 9.—George Lummis, aged 23 years, this morning made an unsuccessful attempt to murder Edie Longnecker, aged 16, and then killed himself by blowing out his brains with a revolver. Lummis came here seven months ago to work as a broom maker. Miss Longnecker had been for a week a guest of the family of J. H. Harris, with whom Lummis boarded, and this was the brief period of his acquaintance with the girl, who is very charming. Lummis fell violently in love with her at first sight and was insanely jealous of a favored rival.

**A FAMILY BURNED TO DEATH.**

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, Feb. 9.—The dwelling of a farmer named Roth, near Stevenson, was burned last night, and Roth and his family, consisting of his wife and four children, perished in the flames.

**CRUSHED IN A MINE.**

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 9.—By the fall of a roof in the Lackawanna colliery at the Olympia mine, foreman Crager and three Hungarians were badly crushed yesterday. Two of the latter have died.

**PACIFIC COAST NEWS.**

SAN FRANCISCO'S MANY MURDERS AND FEW PUNISHMENTS.

Fifty-eight Murders—Two Hangings. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—A list published to-day shows that during the past two years fifty-eight murders have been committed in San Francisco, and that during the same period only two hangings have occurred. The chief of police advises more severe and certain punishment for violations of the law against carrying concealed weapons, and says justice demands less law and less perverted sympathy on the part of juries.

**OTHER SAN FRANCISCO ITEMS.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Thomas H. Williams the millionaire, who assaulted Charley Hirsch, one of the proprietors of the *Evening Post*, with a loaded cane a short time ago, because of an article connecting his name with that of Miss Yohe, the actress, was held for trial this morning, with bail fixed at \$2000.

Director John Ferguson, of the California athletic club, who was accidentally shot in the back by Frank Remfree, a member of the club, yesterday, passed a fair night. The extent of his wounds will not be known until the shots are probed for.

The Patti Opera Company arrived this morning. The advance sales of seats amount to more than \$125,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—The revenue cutter *Rush* arrived this morning from Tacoma, bringing mails from Washington and Oregon. Secretary Smith, of the board of trade received the following dispatch from Congressman W. W. Morrow and Thomas J. Clunie, in answer to one sent by the board asking them to exercise their influence to secure better mail facilities between this city and Portland: "We have had a long talk with the Postmaster General concerning the immediate transportation of mails to and from Northern and Southern coasts. Arrangements have been made to have the mails transferred by steamship until the railroad routes are opened." (Signed) Wm. W. Morrow, Thomas J. Clunie.

**CHINESE MURDERER SENTENCED.**

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 9.—Late Saturday evening Judge Harris sentenced Ah Goo Yung to be hanged March 28th for the murder of Kam Gook, a Chinese woman, last November, the fiendish murderer stabbing her 28 times with a butcher knife.

**ROYALTY IN A MEAN ROLE.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—The *Examiner's* New York correspondent sends the following cablegram from London: "King Milan has been on a wild carouse at Monte Carlo and has lost five hundred thousand francs at the gambling tables. He has been mean enough, according to current reports, to send his friend, Count Milewaki, to Belgrade to borrow money of Queen Natalie, his divorced and greatly wronged wife, and to obtain her influence with the government in order to get a large sum from the Servian treasury."