

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

VERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From the New and the Old World in a Condensed and Comprehensive Form

While skating on the ice near Gardner, Miss., three young people suddenly broke through, and before assistance could reach them were drowned.

At Tonawanda, N. Y., while a party were skating, the ice gave way and precipitated four young people into the water. Three of them were drowned.

China approves of the Russian fleet wintering at Port Arthur, being persuaded that this action is taken in the interest of China, and necessitated by the German occupation of Kiao Chou.

General Blanco reports to Madrid that negotiations with several influential insurgent leaders are progressing favorably; that he hopes to detach from the rebellion important forces which are willing to accept autonomy.

A rate war is on between the various river transportation lines running to The Dalles. A reduction of fare from The Dalles to Portland is the result. This cut in rates has been looked for by the public since the opposition line was put on, some two months ago.

The statement of the collections of the internal revenue show that for the month of November last the receipts amounted to \$13,959,296, an increase as compared with November last year, of \$1,257,937. For the last five months, however, there is shown to have been a decrease of \$5,912.

F. M. Gideon, the clerk of the general land office, who was referred to by Thomas Reddington in the testimony before the senate Pacific railroad committee, Saturday, as having changed the land-office records so as to throw 5,000,000 acres of government land to the Southern Pacific, has made a clear denial of the charge.

A dispatch from Christiania, Norway, to the London Chronicle, says the political situation, since the failure of the united committee on foreign affairs, has become critical, and it is feared that Sweden will seek an occasion for armed intervention in Norway. The dispatch adds that the Swedish press hopes for assistance from Emperor William.

The committee appointed at the house civil service conference 10 days ago to draft modifications of the civil service law have met and gone over the various bills pending before the house. The committee expects to have a measure framed by the time congress reconvenes. Its members are opposed to the present law as including too many offices within its scope.

A freight train of 21 loaded cars, traveling down the mountain to Altoona, Pa., became unmanageable in consequence of the slippery condition of the tracks, making the 12 miles from Gallitz into Altoona in as many minutes and crashing into a freight train directly in front of the passenger station. About 50 cars were completely broken up, and the Holidaysburg passenger train, which was standing on the track near the passenger shed, was thrown over on its side. Three of the train crew were fatally injured.

An effort is on foot to reduce the production of cotton.

Gold has been discovered at Skagway which goes \$4 to the pan.

Mormons have secured 3,000,000 acres of land in Mexico for a colony.

John Cross, of Cove, Or., was arrested for having counterfeit money in his possession.

Bates Soper, who murdered his wife and two children at Ashe, Mo., in 1891, and who was recently arrested in Oregon, where he married again, was sentenced in Harrisonville, Mo., to be hanged on February 4.

About 100 wholesale druggists from the cities of the Central West held a conference in Chicago for the purpose of considering the cut rates at which drugs and patent medicines are being sold by the department stores, as well as by many retail druggists, and to take steps to stop the practice if possible.

The Dingley tariff law will not be changed in any of its custom features at the present session of congress. A general understanding to this effect has been reached among the Republican members of the ways and means committee, who feel that it is most desirable to avoid what is generally known as tariff tinkering.

The subcommittee of the senate committee on Indian affairs, appointed to consider the problems, presented in Indian territory have practically decided to recommend amendments to the present law, providing for the apportionment of all the lands held by the five civilized tribes among the members of these tribes, and also an amendment providing that all valid leases shall be recognized by the government of the United States, and the money paid on account of them covered into the treasury of the United States for the benefit of the various tribes as such.

A Birmingham, Ala., dispatch says: The Tennessee Coal & Iron Railroad Company and the Sloss Iron & Steel Company have shipped 5,000 tons of Alabama pig iron to Pensacola, from whence it will be forwarded to Kobe and Yokohama, Japan. A trial shipment of Alabama iron made to Japan several months ago gave such satisfaction that extensive orders are resulting, this shipment being the first of a series. Japan heretofore was supplied by European furnaces, but Alabama has superseded these.

BONDING MINERS' OUTFITS.

Canadian Customs Commissioner Gives Out Regulations.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A response has been received to a recent letter from Secretary Gage to the commissioner of customs, requesting information as to the bonding of miners' outfits through Canadian territory on the route from Juneau by way of the Chilkoot pass and the Yukon river to Circle City. The commissioner says that the following regulations have been prepared to meet the case:

Imported goods, as above described, shall be reported to the Canadian custom-house at Tagish, and may be entered for exportation there in the usual form, "in transit," in duplicate. The goods may then be delivered without payment of duty to be carried to their destination out of Canada by any transportation company which has duly executed a bond in the form prescribed by the minister of customs for the due and faithful delivery of all packages carried by such company and for the general compliance with the customs laws and regulations governing such traffic.

A duplicate of the entry in transit, duly signed and marked with the proper customs stamp, shall accompany each shipment of goods conveyed by a bonded carrier, so that the same may be returned to the custom-house at Port Cudahy with a certificate thereon as to the landing of the goods in the United States, or of their having passed outward from Canada, within six months from the date of the entry.

If the goods, when entered in transit for exportation, are not delivered to be forwarded by a bonded carrier, as provided in the last preceding section, the duty thereon is to be deposited with the customs officer at Lake Tagish, subject to a refund of same at the port of Port Cudahy, when the goods pass outward thereat, or upon the certificate of an officer of the United States, or of the Canadian customs, that the said goods have been landed in the United States within six months from the date of entry. The duty deposited on such is to be indorsed on the entry and certified by the customs officer in charge, and the duplicate of the entry, duly stamped, is to be delivered to the person making the deposit.

A report of such entry in transit shall be forwarded by mail without delay by the customs officers at the sending port to the collector of customs at Fort Cudahy, for the collection of duties on the goods entered in transit and not duly exported. The articles usually classified as travelers' baggage are to be passed free, without entry. Commissioner McDougall, in a letter accompanying these regulations, says that they are framed with the desire to afford the utmost facilities for traffic in question, compatible with security to the revenue. He further says:

"Responsible transportation companies will be soon in operation for the conveyance of goods over the Chilkoot and other passes down the Yukon river and its tributaries, in which case United States goods may go forward into Alaska without payment of duties."

OVER A PIECE OF GROUND.

Dispute Between the United States and the State of Texas.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—A special to the Chronicle from Fort Worth, Tex., says: The state of Texas and the United States government are in conflict over a piece of ground on the east end of Galveston island, on which is located the state quarantine station and which has been taken possession of by the federal authorities, who intend erecting a torpedo station thereon.

The United States claims it under the terms of the Texas annexation treaty, which requires the ceding to the government by the republic of Texas of all lands used for the purpose of military defenses or upon which fortifications were standing. The state will dispute the claim on the ground that there were no available fortifications in existence on the ground in controversy at the time the treaty was made.

Leedy's Modest Scheme.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 22.—Governor Leedy announces that he will present a scheme to the Nebraska irrigation convention which, if carried out, will cause the arid plains to blossom as the rose. A one thousand seven hundred-mile canal from Montana to Texas is the startling proposition to be formally made by Governor Leedy to the coming irrigation congress. The purpose of the canal would be to divert the flood of waters of the Missouri and Mississippi valleys and let them down when wanted. The canal would tap the Missouri river at Milk river in Montana and empty into Red river in Texas. The governor maintains incidentally that the cost would be only \$360,000,000.

Lost Her Deck Load.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The schooner Mayflower, Captain Olsen, arrived today, 15 days from the Coquille river. The vessel had 112,000 feet of lumber as a cargo when she started, but when she reached here she was 10,000 feet short of that amount. From December 3 to 14 inclusive, heavy gales were encountered, the seas washing completely over the schooner. It was during an unusually heavy gale that the lumber was washed away. A seaman was at one time carried over the side of the schooner, but was caught by a wave and carried back on board again.

Wages Are Reduced.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 22.—Notices of a 10 per cent reduction in wages on January 1 have been posted in the Amore, Stark and Jefferson cotton mills, in this city. The Amoskeag mills, employing 9,000 operatives, posted similar notices last week. The Amore, Stark and Jefferson mills employ 11,000 operatives.

NO OBJECTION WAS MADE

Russia Occupies Port Arthur With China's Consent.

JAPAN YET TO BE HEARD FROM

The Czar's Move Is Looked Upon in Europe as a Reply to Germany's Action—They May Come Together.

London, Dec. 21.—The correspondent of the Times at Peking says China approves of the Russian fleet wintering at Port Arthur, being persuaded that this action is taken in the interest of China, and necessitated by the German occupation of Kiao Chou.

A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai says the occupation of Port Arthur by Russia cannot fail to provoke popular indignation in Japan, where public opinion is already excited over the Kiao Chou affair.

According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Shanghai, the high officials of the Chinese court have advised the emperor, in view of further complications, to remove the court to Nanking (the southern capital). The dispatch says it is reported that overtures have been made to England to exercise protection over the Yangtse valley and the West river, and that numerous rumors are current regarding the activity of the British squadron in Chinese waters.

The Times, commenting editorially on the situation in China, says:

"Instead of the Kaiser's mailed fist, we have Russia's bent glove, but the grasp is not less vigorous and unyielding. Great Britain ought now courteously to invite China to extend the same privileges to the British fleet at Chansan."

Telegrams from all Continental capitals show that Russia's step at Port Arthur is regarded as tantamount to a permanent occupation, and a reply to Germany's action.

A well-informed St. Petersburg correspondent says there was no agreement between Russia and Germany, and the latter simply warned Russia when the occupation of Kiao Chou was already decided upon.

The Novoe Vremya pretends that Japan has no cause for complaint, "since China is only giving the same shelter to Russian ships as Japan had hitherto so kindly afforded."

This view is not held in Berlin, where the papers are already talking of the possibility of Prince Henry having to shake his mailed fist at Japan, which is supposed to be secretly backed by England. Some of the Berlin papers express anxiety, but most of them welcome the news from Port Arthur as justifying the German position at Kiao Chou, if not as actual evidence that Russia and Germany are acting together. Curiously enough, Emperor William visited the Russian ambassador Friday night on his return from Kiel, ostensibly to congratulate him on the name-day of Emperor Nicholas. The visit lasted one hour. There is no doubt now that the emperor and ambassador discussed Chinese affairs.

The Paris papers, without pretending to be deceived by Russia's innocent explanations, are pleased with the action of the ally of France.

The burden of Viennese comment is, what will England do?

The British fleet now in Chinese waters consists of one iron-clad, nine cruisers and 18 smaller men-of-war.

A HORRIBLE MURDER.

Baker Was Pushed Into a Mixing Vat and Cut to Pieces.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Herald says: Circumstances pointing to a murder of unusual horror were recently brought to the attention of District Attorney O'leat and Captain McCluskey, of the detective bureau, the alleged victim in the case having been Peter Doggett, 30 years old, who, if his relatives are correct in their stories, was thrown into a dough-mixing vat at 427 West Fifteenth street on August 23 last and literally cut to pieces. Doggett's sister, the police have been told by her and her lawyer, has received a letter from her mother in Ireland, in which the writer says the only witness to the crime is now there. The letter sets forth that this witness was in the factory of the New York Biscuit Company, where Doggett worked, on the morning of August 23, and saw another man shove him into a mixing machine, the bottom of which was swept by flanges moving at high speed. That Doggett was ground to pieces in the factory vat is known, but a coroner's jury on November 15 decided that his death was due to an accident. The latter, which is now in the hands of the district attorney, alleges that during a quarrel with another workman, Doggett was pushed into the vat below.

Rat Poison in Their Coffee.

Elk City, Kan., Dec. 21.—John Strauss is dead, his two sons are dying and Mr. Reed and his daughter are critically ill from drinking coffee into which rat poison had been dropped accidentally. The unfortunates were participants in a social at the Strauss home.

Death Under the Rails.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Arthur Eckhardt, a brakeman on the Mesa local train of the Maricopa & Phoenix railway, was killed last night by being ground under the wheels of the car at Tempe. He was standing on a box car at the end of a backing train, and fell to the track. Three cars passed over him, the head and arm being severed from the body. Eckhardt was 24 years old, and came to Arizona four years ago from Illinois.

EDICT OF THE TRADES UNION

Members Are Asked Not to Serve in the National Guard.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The Times-Herald says: Trades unionists are required by the Chicago Federation of Labor to leave the National Guard at once. This was the unanimous decision reached by the delegates at their weekly meeting. It was said without contradiction that a union man could not consistently serve in the militia and incur the risk of being called out to shoot down fellow trades unionists who were on a strike for the betterment of their condition. So, every trades unionist who is now a member of the National Guard will be required to secure a discharge from military service at once.

Delegate P. J. Hasset started it all with a motion to compel trades unionists to leave the National Guard. An amendment by McPhee was offered to have every workman enlist and learn how to handle a gun. This was lost, and a less warlike substitute was offered by Delegate B. P. Williams, "that a request be made to all union men now in the militia to get out of the service." A second motion was offered by Delegate Williams and passed, urging all union men who are not members of the militia to refrain from enlisting. General Miles' suggestion of guns for the postoffice was denounced as a shadow of coming events. The tocsin was sounded that capital was organizing and that labor should be prepared. The delegates later declared their opposition to the creation of the proposed new cabinet position of secretary of commerce and industry. The adverse report of the committee to which the subject had been referred was sustained.

A motion was passed favoring the creation of a cabinet department of labor.

Reports from Nashville indicating the triumph of a movement for an eight-hour working day evoked much enthusiasm.

A STEAMER ROBBED.

Strong Room of the City of Washington Burglarized.

New York, Dec. 22.—The World says: The Ward liner City of Washington, that sailed from Vera Cruz December 1, has arrived in this port, carrying in her strong room \$600,000 in Mexican coin. This was not an unusually large shipment of treasure for the Ward line to handle, and no one in authority dreamed of danger.

Nevertheless, during the voyage the strong room, built to withstand the attacks of almost everything but dynamite, and located so as to be under constant observation, was broken into. Only \$3,000 was taken by the robbers, but the general impression is that the scheme of the thieves was to seize the entire treasure.

Every effort has been made to keep the matter quiet, so that the strong force of detectives put upon the case by the company might work to the best advantage.

A. G. Smith, the company's secretary, admitted that the robbery had been attempted.

TO USE PNEUMATIC TUBES.

Proposed Innovation for the Chicago Postoffice.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Pneumatic tubes for the mail service of Chicago will be in operation between the depots, substations and the general office before long. This is the word Postmaster Gordon brought with him from Washington. After a month's absence in the East, Mr. Gordon arrived in Chicago last evening, after having conferred with Senator Mason, Congressman Foss and President McKinley.

In addition to the tubes, Mr. Gordon will also establish a special delivery service, which he promises will be a great help to the business men of this city.

Mr. Gordon investigated the pneumatic tubes in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. He was much pleased with their operation.

Mr. Gordon is sure the corner-stone of the new postoffice building will be laid either July 4, or October 9. If the latter date is chosen, the famous society of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston will attend, as well as President McKinley, Postmaster-General Gary and Secretary Gage, who will lay the corner-stone.

The Fighting Germans.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Arbitr Zeitung reports an unprovoked attack by a party of officers, including Chevalier d'Ansel and Lieutenant Witschin, on a number of civilians in the Cafe Raphael, at Krema, Austria. Three civilians were badly wounded with swords when the police stopped the fray. When asked to pay the bill, Lieutenant d'Ansel struck the waiter with his sword. The officers were not arrested.

Czechs and Soldiers Fighting.

London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Vienna to the Telegraph reports there have been sanguinary conflicts at several barracks in Prague during the last few days between Czechs and German soldiers. Twenty-five men have been seriously wounded. The authorities confiscated the Czech newspapers that reported the affrays.

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 21.—The committee of citizens that has been soliciting funds for the purpose of sending two representatives to Washington to look after Walla Walla's interests in the matter of the alleged report regarding the abandonment of Fort Walla Walla will complete its labors Monday. The committee has been very successful, and has secured sufficient money to defray the necessary expenses. The delegates will probably leave for Washington after the holidays.

HANGED BY INSURGENTS

Colonel Ruiz, a Spaniard, Neglected a Warning.

WAS WELL LIKED IN HAVANA

The Penalty for Carrying a Proposition for Surrender into a Cuban Camp—Two Filibustering Expeditions Land.

New York, Dec. 20.—A Herald dispatch from Havana says: Much anxiety is felt for the safety of Lieutenant-Colonel Joaquin Ruiz, aide-de-camp to General Blanco, who, it is said, has met death as the penalty for bearing a proposition for surrender to a rebel camp. It seems that Colonel Ruiz is a personal friend of Colonel Aranguen, who was employed by him before the war, when Colonel Ruiz was engineer in charge of the Vento water works.

Recently, under orders from General Blanco, Colonel Ruiz opened correspondence with Colonel Aranguen, with the object of arranging an interview. Colonel Aranguen wrote that he would meet the colonel if the latter only desired to talk on personal affairs, to which the colonel replied that he wished to talk about political matters. Colonel Aranguen wrote that he would absolutely refuse to receive him on these conditions, and called his attention earnestly to General Gomez' order that all persons entering insurgent camps to offer terms of surrender should be put to death. He assured Colonel Ruiz that he was prepared to carry out Gomez' orders to the letter, and that while he esteemed him highly as an old friend, he would hang him if he neglected the warning.

In spite of this, Colonel Ruiz started alone on Sunday for Colonel Aranguen's camp, determined to risk all in the attempt. On leaving he said if he had not returned by Tuesday night he might be given up as dead. So far nothing has been heard of him, and there is little room for doubt that the insurgent leader has put his threat into execution.

If this be true, much regret will be felt even in Cuban circles in Havana, where Colonel Ruiz was well known as a gallant soldier and an accomplished gentleman, but it is pointed out that his death will have a good effect as showing the indomitable spirit animating the insurgent leaders.

Major Fernandez, better known as Pitore, the insurgent leader, who, according to official reports, was slain in combat with Spanish troops, was really killed while ill and helpless awaiting an opportunity to surrender to Thomas Garcia, recently autonomist alcalde of Guines, an old friend. Pitore being dangerously ill, applied to him to arrange terms for his surrender. Garcia caused him to be taken to the Caucio estate, where he made him comfortable and arranged to have a detail of Spanish troops sent to bring him to the hospital in the town. Instead the troops went to the country and butchered the man. Senior Garcia is infuriated at this breach of faith, and has declared his intention of coming to Havana to lay the matter before General Blanco and demand the punishment of the officer responsible for the murder.

The battle of Guisa appears now to have been a more important insurgent success than was at first supposed. Advances received by the junta state that the insurgents captured 270 Mausers, 220,000 cartridges and 116 prisoners. General Calixto Garcia has sent word to General Pando that he will only release the prisoners under solemn pledge signed by General Blanco that they will be sent back to Spain. He complains that after the capture of Las Tunas the prisoners released on parole were sent back to the ranks.

The insurgents in Santa Clara province have more than 6,000 men well armed, and are confident of ultimate success. They are also well provided with medicine and other necessities.

General Gomez is at La Reforma.

where he has been for nearly a year. Within the last four days two large filibustering expeditions have safely reached Cuba, one landing in Matanzas province and the other at Baracoa, only five leagues from Havana. They brought clothing, medicines and dynamite. The rebels are now using large quantities of dynamite with considerable effect.

General Pando, who is operating in the east against General Garcia, has asked for reinforcements, which have been sent, several battalions being withdrawn from Pinar del Rio.

General Bernal has started across Pinar del Rio to Cape Antonio, where a large body of rebels is congregated.

Reports from Guira de Melena state that the rebels fired on the town almost every night.

Rebels under Colonel Colazzo and General Rodriguez surrounded a Spanish column yesterday at the Carmen estate, Havana province. Spanish reinforcements arrived from Guines and a fierce engagement occurred. The details are suppressed, but the loss is admitted to be heavy on both sides.

Another engagement is reported to have occurred December 14 near Guira de Melena between Morroto and Colonel Arango's forces.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Herald correspondent in Rio Janeiro telegraphs that the government authorities have seized a letter written by Vice-President Peireira which proves beyond doubt that he was at the head of the revolutionary movement which led to the recent attempted assassination of President Moraes. Brazilian authorities still have cause to fear a revolution, and the government has requested Uruguay to prevent the gathering of revolutionary groups along her frontier.

NO MORE SEALSKINS.

Important Clause in the Bill That Has Just Passed Congress.

Washington, Dec. 21.—It has been developed that the bill relating to pelagic sealing which has just passed both branches of congress, and is before the president, contains a provision of far-reaching character which has thus far escaped attention. This is an absolute prohibition of the bringing of sealskins into the United States. As the United States is the largest market in the world for sealskins this complete stoppage of the trade in this country will be a severe measure against the British and Canadian industries which take and cure the skins and then dispose of them largely in the United States.

When the bill was proposed it was generally supposed that its only purpose was to prohibit American citizens from carrying on pelagic sealing. This feature was the only one to attract attention during the discussions. At the adoption of the bill, however, a section was discovered which was not restricted to Americans, but applies to sealskins in general; "taken in the waters mentioned in this act," which include the whole Pacific ocean. The provisions is as follows:

Section 9. That the importation into the United States by any person whatsoever of fur sealskins, taken in waters mentioned in this act, whether raw, dressed, dyed or manufactured, is hereby prohibited, and all such articles imported after this act shall take effect shall not be permitted to be exported, but shall be seized and destroyed by the proper officers of the United States."

Those who are thoroughly familiar with the bill say this provision is of far more importance in its effect than the prohibition against pelagic sealing by Americans.

RELIEF BILL SIGNED.

Two Hundred Thousand Dollars to Aid Starving Yukoners.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Both houses of congress today passed the joint resolution for the relief of miners in the Yukon valley, Alaska, and in a short time it had received the signature of the president.

The bill appropriates \$200,000, to be expended under direction of the secretary of war in the purchase of supplies for the relief of the people in the Yukon country or other mining regions of Alaska, and for the transportation and distribution of such supplies, provided that, if the consent of the Canadian government be obtained, the secretary of war may extend the relief into Canadian territory. The resolution further provides that the supplies may be sold in that region at such prices as may be fixed by the secretary of war, or donated to those unable to pay for them. The secretary of war is authorized to use the United States army in carrying into effect the provisions of the act, to import reindeer and drivers for the transportation of supplies, and to adopt such other provisions as are practicable. The secretary is directed, when the work shall have been completed, to sell the reindeer or turn them over to the secretary of the interior, in his discretion, and to make a detailed report to congress at the beginning of the next session of such disbursements made and results accomplished under the act.

A Northwestern Wreck.

Vail, Ia., Dec. 21.—The overland limited on the Chicago & Northwestern, which left Chicago last night, ran into an open switch near here at 6 o'clock this morning. The mail-coach, it seems, flew out of the mail coach, which was next to the engine. The catch struck the switch lever, broke it off and opened the switch. The train was going at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The engine and mail car remained on the track, but the buffet car, two sleepers and two coaches were completely overturned on the prairie. Everybody on board was knocked about considerably, and many were scratched and bruised, but no person was killed or apparently seriously injured. A wrecking train was sent to the wreck, and within a short time the passengers were on their way to Omaha.

Report Blames Indians.

Denver, Dec. 21.—D. C. Beaman, Josiah Walbridge and Charles E. Noble, the commission appointed by Governor Adams to investigate the recent Indian troubles in the vicinity of Lily Park, filed their report with the governor this afternoon. The report is an almost complete vindication of the game wardens, and shows that the Indians were alone responsible for the bloody conflict in Routt county last month, in which several of their number were killed.

A Boston Rumor.

Boston, Dec. 21.—A prominent German-American merchant of this city has received a private cipher cable from German capitalists advising him to sell out all his holdings in Boston immediately. It is rumored that the cable disclosed a startling coup planned by Germany, and exposed the secret destination of the mysterious German fleet. According to the dispatch, the fleet is really being sent to threaten the United States, and secure absolute supremacy of the Pacific by seizure of Hawaii and Samoa.

Earthquake in Italy.

Rome, Dec. 21.—Strong earthquake shocks lasting twelve seconds were felt this morning. In central Italy the walls of houses split, many chimneys fell, bells rang and a panic prevailed among the inhabitants.

New York, Dec. 21.—While Mrs. Margaret Spencer was cooking on a stove tonight, her pet dog upset the stove. An explosion followed, and the woman was so badly burned that she died.