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## NEWS IN GENERAL

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

### TAKING EVIDENCE

They Send to San Francisco for Testimony on Chilean Outrages.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—On the steamer Keweenaw, which arrived from Valparaiso yesterday, was Patrick Shields, the fireman who received such rough treatment from the Chilean police at Valparaiso.

While the vessel was in San Deigo, Shields was interviewed and scraps of what the dazed and battered man told the reporters was telegraphed east. The news came under the notice of the authorities at Washington, and they telegraphed to the government officials here to notify them by wire of the Keweenaw's arrival.

Yesterday morning a dispatch stating that the Keweenaw was in sight, and in the afternoon United States District Attorney Garter, received telegraphic instructions from Attorney-General Miller to take the testimony of Shields and all others on the steamer who could throw any light on the outrage, and forward the same to Washington without delay.

All last evening the testimony of Shields and another fireman named McKinstrey was continued ashore. It was not until midnight that their stories, duly attested, were completed and ready for mailing to the Attorney-General.

The Captain, officers and some of the crew of the ship are yet to be examined by Attorney Garter, and their testimony will also be forwarded to Washington as soon as it can be put into proper form.

### SUFFERING FROM HIS INJURIES.

Shields, when seen yesterday, appeared to be still suffering from the effects of the ill usage he received at Valparaiso. He is very pale and walks with difficulty, while he has the manner of a man who has been dazed by some great trouble.

Shields painfully and laboriously went over the whole story of his adventures again, and told how, when returning to his ship on the night of October 24, in Valparaiso, he was pounced upon by two Chilean policemen and dragged to the lockup. He was allowed to go next morning (Sunday), but before he had got a quarter of a mile from where he had been incarcerated he was again seized and taken back.

For days after this he was compelled to work at sweeping streets from daylight till dark with other prisoners, and any attempt to straighten his back was met with savage assaults by his guardians. He was beaten with wooden clubs until he vomited blood.

At night he was housed in a corner of a horse corral. No bedding was furnished, and he had to sleep on the rough ground, studded with stones.

On the Tuesday morning following his second arrest he saw some

native prisoners escape by getting over the corral fence under the eyes of the guard, and he tried to make his way to freedom also. He was captured the third time, and clubbed and kicked almost into insensibility.

Nine days from the time of his first arrest he was allowed his liberty. Sick and dazed, and not knowing in what direction the ship lay, he wandered a little way out of the town and slept in a quarry for the night.

### SUCCOR AT LAST.

The next morning he made his way to the American Consulate. The Consul was shocked at the terrible manner in which Shields had been beaten and had the surgeons of the Baltimore attend upon him.

Shield's forehead is scared from the blows he received and his back is lame. He vomited blood freely until lately, and he has not been able to do any work since he rejoined the ship.

McKinstrey, who went ashore with Shields, fared better than his mate. He was not with Shields at the time of the latter's arrest, but the following day McKinstrey, who understands a few words of the Chilean language, was stopped on his way to the ship by two police men.

"They asked me to give them some money," said he, "and I told them I had none. Then I was knocked down with the flat of a sword. I got up and ran into a house for protection, and a Chilean naval officer, who was there, knocked me down again. After that the policemen from outside came up and arrested me."

"I was taken to the corral where Shields was kept, and the next morning I saw them beating Shields with brooms and sticks. I watched my chance and dodged between the horses until I reached the fence. Then I jumped over and got clean away from the place."

### CURSED FOR BEING AN AMERICAN.

Shields says that the reason he did not get away when he jumped the fence after being arrested the second time was that he was so weak from the beating he received and lack of food that he could not run. He said that the Chileans guarding him frequently ran and pointed swords at his breast, cursing him for being an American and threatening to kill him. When asked if they had been drinking while ashore, the two men stated that they had two small bottles of beer each, and that they were not influenced by what they drank so as to misconduct themselves in any way.

Shields appears to be dull and listless in manner, and his shipmates say that he has only been that way since he got out of the hands of the Chileans.

"He was a horrible sight when he got back to the ship," said McKinstrey. "He was a mass of bruises from head to foot, and was spitting blood all the time."

### A Frightful Suicide.

Horrible in its conception and frightful in its result was the method chosen by a Chicago man named Carl Edgar Johnson to step out of this world. The man, who was doubtless insane, entered the Manhattan house at 56-58 Plymouth place shortly before 6 o'clock Sunday morning. A few minutes later the driver of a passing express wagon heard tremendous crash and, glancing upward, saw a man shooting head foremost to the pavement. It was Johnson.

Officer Bergan, of the Harrison street station, was soon on the spot. The suicide lay face downward in a rapidly growing pool of blood, breathing in long gasps. Once the man half rose but fell back with a suppressed shriek. Bergan sent in a call for a patrol wagon. When the vehicle arrived Johnson was still breathing. He was laid upon the hammock and a start for the county hospital was made. Before going a half a dozen squares, however, it was found that Johnson had died.

Investigation brought to light the insane man's awful ingenuity. He had preceded to the fifth floor of the building. At the east end of the hall is a large window, the lower pane composed of a single pane of heavy French glass, almost a quarter of an inch in thickness. The mad-man, starting from the west end of the hall, where his hat was subsequently found, had run with all his might toward the east end, and hurled himself through the window. So great was the momentum attained that Johnson struck the pavement nearly thirty feet from the building. His skull was crushed, and nearly every bone in his body had been dislocated or broken by the frightful concussion. The broken glass had cut the man in many places, and his clothing was in shreds.

### PLUMB AT REST.

Emporia (Kan.), December 24.—All that is mortal of the late Preston B. Plumb was placed beneath his native soil to-day. The city is in mourning and flags on the public buildings were displayed at half-mast. Business houses were draped in black and nearly every private residence displayed emblems of mourning. The service of the day commenced with a private funeral service at the family residence of the simplest nature. It was attended only by members of the family and a few intimate friends. At 2 o'clock the funeral services were held at the church, at the conclusion of which the procession was reformed and proceeded to the cemetery, where the remains of a distinguished Senator were placed in their last resting place.

Mrs. Plumb and Amos, the elder son, were to attend services at church. V. H. Plumb the Senator's father, and three brothers accompanied the other children. At the

cemetery services were conducted by the G. A. R. At the conclusion of the services three comrades stepped forward, and each deposited a beautiful floral wreath upon the casket. As the body was lowered into the grave three volleys were fired by the Emporia Guard, the bugler sounded "taps" and the multitude dispersed.

### GARZA'S LOOTING BAND.

LAREDO Texas, December 24.—Reports received from Carrizo, in Zapata county, where Captain Hardie's troop of United States Cavalry is stationed, are to the effect that Garza has crossed 900 men into Mexico at points between that city and Brownsville.

It is also stated that Garza's men met Mexican troops at La Tortillas, seventy miles from the border, and defeated the latter, and that they were about forty men killed on both sides. This is doubtless authentic, as the report comes from an officer on the ground.

News by way of Nueva Laredo has just been received here that Captain Hardie's troop of United States Cavalry and a number of officers and rangers from this city who arrived at Carrizo, Zapata county, some sixty miles below here, left that place for points down the river toward Rio Grande City, where another band of Garza's men are reported to be getting ready to cross into Mexico. The report states the revolutionists are about 150 in number, and if the United States troops meet them a fight will doubtless ensue.—S. F. Examiner.

An elephant ranch is the latest novelty proposed in California, and a Mr. Newbury, the projector, is enthusiastic in his plans. He proposes to cultivate the elephant for its meat and its capacity for hard and diversified work. He says that "as an article of food the elephant is superior to the horse," and most people will be willing to accept his statement, though not fully appreciating its force. He says behind a tough exterior it hides a tender steak, and that African explorers are profuse in their praise of elephant cutlets. A full grown elephant weighs about 7,000 pounds, and Mr Newbury counts 6,000 of this as good meat.

The twenty-fifth volume of Harper's Bazar will begin with the number for January 2, 1892. This number will contain the opening chapters of a new serial by Walter Besant entitled "The Ivory Gate"; also a charming Knickerbocker story, "The First Foot," by Agnes Barr Sage, illustrated by Rosina Emmet Sherwood.

Thomas Hardy's new story "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," is pronounced by competent critics to be one of the best that he has yet written. It will be published in book form by Harper & Brothers early in January.