

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Called From the Telegraphic Columns.

Deep mystery surrounds the death of Isaac Hoffman, of a prominent firm of San Francisco clothing. He was found dead with two bullet holes in his head in his office. Foul play is suspected.

Frank Castle, accused of murdering John Bock at a mask ball at Cleveland, in Klickitat county, Wash., has been acquitted after a trial lasting five days. Self-defense was the plea. The case cost Klickitat county more than \$1,000.

Five children were burned to death in the residence of J. H. White in Welch, W. Va. The ages of the children ranged from 4 to 12 years. The children had retired when the fire was started. White and his wife were away on a visit. Enemies of the family are believed to have fired the house.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that the debt, less cash in the treasury, at the close of business on May 29, 1897, was \$96,654,052, a decrease for the month of \$1,560,080, which is principally accounted for by an increase of over \$2,000,000 in cash in the treasury. The debt, independent of the cash, was increased during the month by \$163,215.

The director of the mint has completed his figures of the gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1896. He finds the production of gold to have been about \$3,900,000, an increase of over \$5,320,000 as compared with 1895. The production of silver is given as \$7,700,000,000 ounces, an increase of 1,700,000 ounces over 1895.

Claus Spreckles has commenced suit in San Francisco to recover \$1,000,000 damages from William R. Hearst, proprietor of the Examiner, for alleged libel. The matter complained of was contained in an article commenting upon the recent visit of John E. Swales to that city, and an alleged deal, by which the Salinas and Watsonville sugar factories passed into the hands of a combine.

Senator Pettigrew has introduced in congress a bill to provide for the submission to a popular vote at the congressional election of 1898 of the following questions: Shall congress at once enact a law providing for the immediate free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1? Shall the constitution of the United States be so amended as to provide for the election of United States senators and of the president and vice-president by direct vote of the people? It is made the duty of the secretary of each state to forward the result of the vote to the president, who is required to transmit the statement to congress.

Major-General Nelson A. Miles has arrived at Lania, visited the Greeks and subsequently lunched with Crown Prince Constantine.

C. P. Huntington, of the Southern Pacific, is reported to have bought out the entire town of Flavel, near the mouth of the Columbia.

The coffee crop of Brazil this year is estimated at 2,000,000 bags. The government will have to give warrants upon the coffee stock for pressing exports.

The Herald's correspondent in Montevideo telegraphs that the chamber has authorized the Colonial railway to issue debenture bonds to the value of \$400,000 for construction expenses.

From a Russian source comes news of a conspiracy against King George far more deeply rooted than was supposed. There is indubitable evidence that Premier Ralli and his colleagues in the cabinet are gravely implicated in a plot to overthrow the dynasty.

The sultan's show of resistance to the powers is generally attributed to German backing, but it is also rumored that negotiations between Turkey and Russia have been proceeding in the matter relative to the portion of Asia Minor, including Rizeh, in the southeast corner of the Black sea, and the territory up the Joruk river.

Governor Budd, of California, has decided not to interfere in the death sentences of Theodore Durrant and Salter D. Worden. The former was convicted of the murder of Blanche Lamont at Emmanuel Baptist church, and Worden was found guilty of murdering a train during the A. R. U. strike three years ago, when Engineer Clark and three United States soldiers were killed.

The policy of the postoffice department as to the appointment of minors in the postoffice has been definitely fixed, and they will be debarred from chief clerkships and deputy postmasterships, except in a few of the third-class offices, where circumstances urge their peculiar fitness. Even then they will not be allowed to become acting postmasters, on account of the legal declaration that contracts made by minors are voidable.

The plague of beri-beri continues to ravage the province of Santiago de Cuba. There are municipal doctors who inhumanly allow hundreds of people to die without offering them the slightest assistance.

The revolt of the striking convicts at San Quentin, Cal., has been finally quelled. While threats of bullets had apparently no effect on the mutineers, a four-inch stream of water from the fire hose had the effect of completely subduing the most refractory.

The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures during May shows that the total receipts were \$29,297,390, and the expenditures \$29,109,239, leaving the surplus for the month \$88,151. The statement for May, 1896, shows a deficit of \$1,182,875. The receipts from customs during the last month amounted to \$16,883,011, an increase, as compared with May, 1896, of nearly \$6,000,000. The receipts from internal revenue amounted to \$10,473,011, a decrease of \$877,998. The deficit for the 11 months of the present fiscal year amounted to \$22,273,121.

RIOT IN AN ALASKA TOWN.

Drunken Indians Attempted to Clean Out Sam Dun.

Port Townsend, Wash., June 7.—The steamer Al Ki arrived from Alaska last night. She brings news of a riot at Sam Dun, a small town 160 miles south of Juneau, last Monday morning. The Indians managed to procure enough whisky to get the whole tribe drunk, and their murderous proclivities were forthwith made manifest as they proceeded to clean out the village, smashing windows and breaking down doors. Captain Howes' store particularly being the object of their fun.

Jack McDougall and Jack Arvey, of Juneau, were there by chance, and as the row grew furious they with one or two others secured stout clubs and in a short time had a number of very sore-headed savages tamed down to a state of repentant docility. Three of the leaders were tied hand and foot and locked up in a cabin near at hand until sobered up, and no further trouble is apprehended. The white man who is doubtless furnished the whisky was ordered away from the village and peace is again restored.

The Germania saloon at Juneau was entered by thieves and robbed of \$86 in cash Saturday night.

Memorial day was appropriately observed at Juneau, all business being suspended for the day. Seventeen old soldiers are buried in Juneau cemetery.

A rich mineral strike has been made at Yankee Cove. Assays have been made of 50-pound samples taken from a dozen different places, which show splendid results, the rock ranging from \$5 to \$464 in gold to the ton and averaging \$130 to the ton of selected quartz.

The steamer Bertha, which arrived at Juneau from Cook's Inlet the day before the Al Ki sailed for the sound, reports that a party of three, George Botcher, Charles Blackstone and J. W. Mollough, who crossed the portage to catch the first dora, remain unharmed from, though numerous parties have prosecuted a vigorous search for the missing men. Mollough has a family residing somewhere in Washington. Blackstone leaves a wife at Sunrise City, and his 10-year-old daughter, who is attending school at Seattle. The men had been missing for seven weeks when the Bertha left the inlet.

Currency Reform Next.

Chicago, June 7.—A Chronicle special from Washington says: It is announced semi-officially that congress will not immediately adjourn after the passage of the tariff bill. The Republican managers have decided in accordance with the wishes of the administration they will attempt to pass currency reform measure as soon as the tariff question is out of the way. It is contended that the statement recently made by Secretary Gage that something would be done by the present congress for the improvement of our finances was not an idle suggestion, but one which embodied the views of the administration and leading Republican members of congress.

It is also stated, however, that all the president desired from the present session of congress is authority to appoint a currency commission, whose members shall be directed to report at the regular session in December a feasible plan for placing the national finances on a sound substantial and enduring basis.

Upset in Breakers.

Astoria, Or., June 7.—Early this morning four fishing boats, some reports say six, were upset in the breakers at the mouth of the river and one man, John Marjantin, is known to have been drowned, while at least two others are missing. Lifesaving crews from Fort Stevens and Fort Canby went to the rescue and the Fort Stevens crew rescued Fred Lamon, Alonzo Heath, Emil Blossmer, Pete Keim and E. Welsougen.

The fishermen, evidently in their eagerness to get fish, became careless of the turn of the tide and were caught in a choppy sea. It was not stormy at the time. The details are not yet known, but the wires to Canby and Fort Stevens being down.

Fired on a Steamer.

Havana, June 7.—The Ward line steamer Valencia, which arrived at Cienfuegos, reports an exciting experience while off Guantanamo bay. The Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes signaled to the Valencia to display her colors. As the Valencia did not immediately reply, the Reina Mercedes fired a blank shot, which was followed almost immediately by a solid shot, falling out of range. The Valencia then displayed her colors.

It is understood that the United States vice-consul at Santiago de Cuba has lodged a formal protest against the act of the cruiser. Captain Quosada left yesterday by the steamer Mexico to investigate the affair, which has assumed serious aspects.

Brooklyn Sails For Europe.

New York, June 7.—At floodtide this morning the cruiser Brooklyn sailed for Southampton. Her speed across the ocean will be about 13 or 14 knots, there being no wish or need to press her. She will reach her destination in about 10 days, and will then clean up and by the time the naval review comes off the Brooklyn will have few if any rivals as a model of discipline, cleanliness and beauty.

Waterproof in South Dakota.

Sioax City, S. D., June 7.—A report from Jasper, six miles east of here, says a waterpout struck there last night. The Great Northern tracks for miles are two feet under water, and nearly all the culverts and bridges of the region have been washed out.

Greene, Ia., June 7.—The 15-year-old son of L. Schwartz, while attempting to unload a gun last night, discharged the weapon, killing his two sisters.

Bryan Will Go Around the World.

St. Louis, June 7.—Albert J. Knigh, of St. Joseph, a business man, who has just come from Lincoln, Neb., where he was a guest of W. J. Bryan, says that Mr. Bryan has announced his intention of making a trip around the world. He expects to leave within a short time, and will be abroad several months. His family will accompany him.

Just the same, the man who imagines there is danger of a bicycle famine better continue to look up and down the street before he attempts to cross.

TAKEN TO THE HIGHER COURT

Execution of Theodore Durrant Postponed.

WORDEN WAS ALSO RESPITED

It Will Be at Least Six Months Before the Supreme Court Can Act Upon Their Cases.

San Francisco, June 7.—While he blesses his good fortune and section 76 of the United States revised statutes, Theodore Durrant may look forward with some assurance to at least seven more months of life. Today, with the end of his life only five days away, the simple act of an appeal to the United States supreme court, arrested the progress of the state courts and set him far outside the shadow of the waiting scaffold. His execution is now stayed until after the supreme court of the United States meets again, which will not be until next October, and passes upon the appeal from the circuit court, which was allowed today. Even if the appeal should be dismissed early in the term, the 30 days allowed by the state law between the time when the day for execution is fixed and the day of execution would carry the matter pretty well toward the end of the year. The possibilities for further delay are so numerous that practically he has an insurable lease of life into the next year.

The attorneys for Durrant appeared before Judge Gilbert, in the United States circuit court, today, and applied for a writ of superseas for the purpose of staying execution of the sentence; but this was denied. Application for leave to appeal from this decision to the supreme court of the United States was then made and granted.

No formal stay of execution, however, has been given. Attorney-General Fitzgerald has not yet advised Warden Hale not to proceed with the execution on the 11th, but he has given such advice to reach Edson, of Folsom, in the Worden case, and the Durrant case stands on precisely the same footing. Durrant's attorneys regard their immediate labors on his behalf as at an end, and are preparing for their next effort, which will be before the United States supreme court.

Worden Also Respited.

Sacramento, Cal., June 7.—Warden Aull, of Folsom prison, telephoned this evening that he had received a telegraphic message from the attorney-general, advising him not to proceed with the hanging of Worden. Worden had been found guilty of treasoning.

The attorney-general said that his written opinion would reach Edson tomorrow by mail. Acting upon this advice, the execution will not take place as intended. Warden Aull says that he has notified Worden, and has had the gallows taken down. The law under which Worden is permitted thus to extend his lease of life, the warden says, was passed by congress during the reconstruction days, in order to make it possible in certain cases to reach the federal supreme court over the head of the state courts in the South. If it were a matter, he says, in which the issue did not involve human life, he would probably test its legality, but in this case, he is an official, he will be governed by the action of the attorney-general. As the United States supreme court will not meet until October, Worden will have at least several months longer on earth.

Salter Worden was delirious with joy when he learned this evening that he was not to be hanged tomorrow. At first the announcement dazed him, and then he rose on his trembling legs and thanked Warden Aull for the good news. The condemned man said that, while he was prepared to go bravely to the gallows, he felt all along that something would be done to save him. The announcement, he said, made him more nervous than if he would have been standing on the gallows. All the preparations for hanging had been completed. Worden has been returned to his cell in murderers' row.

Water Tanks Full.

New York, June 7.—Five enormous tanks, each containing 13,000 gallons of water, fell five stories through the new building of David S. Brown & Co., soap manufacturers, at Twentieth avenue and Fifty-first street, this morning, burying two men under tons of debris. The body of William Fraser, 49 years old, a surveyor in the employ of the Otis Elevator Company, was taken from the ruins. Jacob Jacobson, a carpenter, is missing. The contractors and architect of the tanks were arrested, charged with homicide. It was claimed by an expert that the mortar used was nothing more than mud. There were 15 men in the building at the time.

Confessed and Disappeared.

Dover, Del., June 7.—While the directors of the First National bank were examining the accounts of William S. Boggs, the paying teller, they received a letter from him saying he was \$29,000 short and had left town. He gave the details of his irregularities, which had extended over 10 years.

Attempt to Abduct a Child.

Oakland, Cal., June 7.—A daring attempt was made this afternoon to abduct the 12-year-old child of Attorney J. B. Randolph, by a man whom the father says he knows, but whose name he refused to divulge. The would-be abductor had carried his captive several blocks, when a passing bicyclist, attracted by the child's struggles, intervened and the man took to his heels. Randolph, senior says he knows the motive, but will not explain it.

High Hat Ordinance Approved.

San Francisco, June 7.—Mayor Phelan today approved the order of the board of supervisors prohibiting the wearing of high hats in theaters, and the order, which is now a law, will be rigidly enforced in the local playhouses.

Retaliation in France.

Paris, June 7.—In the chamber of deputies today, Baron Des Rotours submitted a motion to raise the duties on American products if the United States fixes a prohibitive duty on French products.

MURDERED AND CREMATED.

Young Illinois Farmer Falls a Victim to Thieves.

Sterling, Ill., June 4.—Robbed, murdered and cremated. That tells the awful fate of George Kauffman. He stood guard over his father's granary to protect it from thieves, who killed him at his post and sought to wipe out the evidence of their fiendish cruelty with fire. Today all that remains of him is a corpse with its throat cut, its skull crushed and its head bullet-pierced, a charred lump of flesh. There is no clue to the murderers who committed the crime, but bloodhounds are on the trail.

George Kauffman was the son of Tobias Kauffman, a prosperous farmer, living about five miles north of Sterling. He was 22 years old. George Kauffman has two dwelling-houses with about a quarter of a mile between them. He left his old home for his present dwelling a year ago, but used some of the buildings at the former residence.

Lately Kauffman discovered that thieves were raiding his granary, located near the old residence. He asked his son George to take up his night quarters in the deserted home and watch for the plunderers. George Kauffman began his vigil two weeks ago. He was unsuccessful and regularly went to the other house for his breakfast. Tuesday morning he did not come in at the usual hour. The family was very anxious without concern. Then his father became alarmed and started for the old house, accompanied by the hired man. They went to the house, but there was no trace of the young man.

They searched the strawstack, which had been nearly buried down and was still smoking. They were horrified to find on top of the smoking straw the body of young Kauffman, burned to a crisp. The victim had been clubbed and his skull crushed. His throat had been cut and the head nearly severed from the body. A bullet hole showed that the murderer had shot the young man.

Bloodhounds were put on the trail, but so far without success. The surrounding country is intensely stirred up over the crime, and friends of the young man are demanding vengeance at the end of a rope, without the quibbles and delays of the law.

EXECUTION OF DURRANT.

Warden Hale Will Issue Two Hundred Invitations.

San Francisco, June 4.—There will be 200 invitations issued for the execution of Durrant. Warden Hale has fixed 10:30 A. M. as the hour of execution. Twenty-five medical men will be permitted to witness the execution. At the request of his attorneys Durrant yesterday made a formal demand for release, claiming to be unjustly imprisoned. This will be part of the appeal to the supreme court, and to cover the point which might be made that by failing to protest and demand his release he had lost the right to complain.

The appeal raises a point which, according to the statement of Durrant's counsel, has never been raised in this state. It is argued before Durrant can be hanged, the contention is that Judge Bahrs inflicted two penalties—imprisonment and death—while the law says one or the other. Counsel will hold that Durrant's life in San Quentin is not detention, but imprisonment; that the position of the attorney-general is untenable before the state county jail carries with it no shaving, stripes and no indignity other than detention.

Durrant's first effort to gain a reprieve by appealing to the federal courts has failed. United States Circuit Judge Gilbert has refused today to issue a writ of habeas corpus, for which his attorney applied.

BAD FOR THE CROPS.

A Killing Frost in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa.

Chicago, June 3.—Heavy frosts occurred the past two mornings over the Northwest. Snow and freezing weather are reported from Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota, with much damage to vegetables and small fruits. The Wisconsin strawberry crop may be a total loss. Tobacco in Southern Wisconsin is reported slightly injured and in Northern Illinois badly damaged. Corn in Northern and Central Illinois is reported to be cut down by the frost. Ice formed at many points in the West, and is reported killed at some points and must be replanted.

Iowa reports indicate considerable damage to corn, potatoes and fruits. Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana also report much injury by frost. Dispatches from St. Paul say reports from 100 points in Western Minnesota indicate that last night's frost was the most severe in many years. Ice formed in several localities. The weather was cloudy in Northern Minnesota and Northern Dakota and the result was not disastrous. In southwestern Minnesota all the strawberry crop just coming to the berry is a complete loss. The reports agree in saying that corn is also probably completely ruined. Flax and barley are damaged, how seriously may not be known for a week. Wheat being a much harder plant, the frost has been a good thing for it, as it had a good chance to root firmly and spread.

Pisa, Italy, June 1.—The official report of the disaster at the cathedral yesterday upon the occasion of the unveiling of an image of the Virgin, when a shot fired by a fanatic, killed nine persons and injured 21 others seriously. Most of the victims are women, and all of them residents of Pisa.

Germany is doing her best to divert the emigration of her subjects from this country.

Crime of a Crazy Man.

Baltimore, Md., June 7.—Elijah Harris, a letter carrier, 32 years old, today shot and killed his 13-year-old son George and his young daughter Ada, wounded his daughter Ella, aged 14, and then turned the pistol upon himself. He is lying at the point of death in a hospital. Harris is thought to be mentally unbalanced, on account of the recent death of his wife.

One of the most triumphant luxuries of recent device is the rubber tire on carriage wheels.

THE SUGAR INVESTIGATION

Tillman Again Endeavored to Have It Proceed.

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BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

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News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries—Oregon.

Plans for a new courthouse for Lane county have been submitted to the county court, and taken under consideration. Judge Eakin has decided the Huntington contested election case against the old council and mayor, and in favor of the officials elected at the last city election.