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ELECTROCUTED.

Luigi Storti Paid the Death Penalty This Morning.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Luigi Storti, an Italian immigrant, was electrocuted at the Charlestown state prison at 12.30 this morning for the murder of Michele Colucci, while the latter slept. He went to his end with every outward appearance of physical strength and mental firmness, to be the first subject in the electric chair under the Massachusetts law.

Storti walked from his cell, which was the third from the chamber door, a distance of about 35 feet, with Father Ubaldus on his right, reading a prayer, to which Storti made response in a firm tone. He carried the crucifix in his hand and clung tightly to it until it was removed after he was bound. Storti wore a flannel shirt, open at the neck, brown trousers, the left leg of which was rolled above his knee, and slippers on his feet. He was very pale, and this paleness was accentuated by a thin growth of beard. As he seated himself in the chair the several assistants quickly bound the straps around his body and the electrodes to his legs. Over the top of his head was placed the frame in which were saturated sponges. Over the face was placed a broad leather band with a lateral opening for his nose and mouth. The adjusting of the fittings of the chair took but a few seconds, and then at a signal from the warden the current was applied. The switch board was hidden from the witnesses by a screen, so to them it was not known as a matter of personal observance who turned on the current. It was a member of Warden Bridges' force. The officers who had assisted in bringing in the prisoner stood on the right hand side of the room, while Father Ubaldus also stood a little to the front, but at the right. He read the prayer, and Storti responded until the instant of the shock. It was evident that the current took Storti as he exhaled, for there was no sound from him. The body quivered and seemed to start slightly and then relax.

MURDERED.

Prominent Pittsburg Woman Killed by a Burglar.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 17.—Harriet P. Murphy, prominent in church and society circles and treasurer of the Kingsley House fund, was murdered at her home, 6231 Howard street, east end, by a burglar about 3 o'clock this morning. The murderer made his escape, and although the whole detective and police force of that section was called the man has not been captured.

Miss Murphy was the only sister of Select Councilman John A. Murphy, from the 20th ward, and was thirty years old. She, with her brother and two servants, women, lived alone in the house, Miss Murphy sleeping on the second floor. She was an expert with the revolver, having practised several years to protect herself from just such an attack as happened this morning, and she always had a pistol either under her pillow or within reach.

About three o'clock this morning her brother was awakened by two shots in the house, and hastening to his sister's room found her lying dead on the floor with a bullet wound in the head. The burglar was a porch climber. He scaled the porch posts and entered the window of Miss Murphy's room by breaking the glass. It is supposed that the noise of the crashing glass awakened her, and as she jumped from the bed with her revolver in her hand the man fired. Marks in the snow on the porch indicate that only one man entered the room. Miss Murphy usually kept the collections for the Kingsley House fund in her room until they reached a sum large enough to be placed in the bank, and it is thought the burglar was after this money.

WRECKED BY AN EARTHQUAKE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 17.—New Zealand news received by steamer gives details of great destruction of property in the Cheviot district by an earthquake on Nov. 18. In the town of Cheviot and Cout damages will reach \$100,000. Scarcely a building was left standing. The fine homestead of Sir George Clifford was wrecked. Great fissures opened in the earth and water issued from them. In one office a heavy safe was thrown across the room and brick chimneys fell like toy houses. The people were panic stricken, the shocks still continue. At Wain river great cracks opened in the river bed, into which water poured. Then they closed and volumes of water were sent hundreds of feet into the air.

CHOKED TO DEATH.

WASHINGTON, Pa., 17.—As a result of the inquest on the remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Shannon, who was found dead in a field near Waynesburg yesterday, David Hoge has been placed under arrest, charged with her murder. It is alleged that Hoge was last seen driving out of Waynesburg with the woman and both were said to have been drinking. At the inquest finger marks were found on the woman's throat and it is thought she was choked to death and left lying in the field. Hoge is a member of an old and well known Green County family.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Eastern states and northern New York.—Cloudy tonight, with snow and continued cold. Wednesday, fair on the coast, snow in the interior, continued cold; fresh northwest winds. Maritime—Moderate winds, fair and decidedly cold. Wednesday, north and east winds, continued cold, with snow falls in most localities.

THE WASHOUTS

Are Fast Being Repaired and the Road Put in Shape.

The blockade on the C. P. R. caused by the recent storms will not have so much effect on the winter port business as was at first feared. At present there is sufficient freight at Sand Point to keep busy the steamers now lying there and almost sufficient to load them. None of these steamers are due to sail until Saturday, and it is hoped that before that time much of the freight now being accumulated along the line will be brought down. The C. P. R. are hauling trains as usual to the other side of the washouts and will rush it through to St. John whenever the line is cleared.

A despatch from General Supt. Osborne today stated that he had gone to Onawa and that from appearances it seemed as though the C. P. R. would be cleared tonight. Under these circumstances unless further instructions are received this evening's train will leave St. John on time. The express which left Montreal on Sunday night came over the I. C. R. and arrived in the city shortly after noon today. Last night's train from Montreal was cancelled, but it is probable that one will leave there tonight.

Additional reports from the scenes of the recent washouts on the C. P. R., Maine Central, and Bangor and Aroostook show that the damage done was much greater than was at first believed.

According to advices received at the C. P. R. offices yesterday, there were about a dozen bad washouts between Brownville and Megantic, over a distance of about 100 miles. Many miles of track had been flooded and nearly all the cuttings choked by landslides. A washout fifteen feet long is reported just west of Asquith, near Moosehead, and another small one between Moosehead and Greenville. Near mile post 271, about eighteen miles from Onawa, the track is badly washed out for a distance of eighty feet, the gully being in places about thirty-five feet deep. The last approach to the Pleasant River railway bridge was washed away yesterday morning, and later the rising waters overwhelmed the main road travelling bridge, fifty feet lower down the river, and carried the big steel structure away.

In a despatch received from General Supt. Osborne, who is now overseeing the work of clearing the track, he stated that the line has been cleared between Elliot, Megantic and Brownville, but that 27 miles of track were yet blocked.

He articulates, though, the complete repairs to the road by tonight, when he will probably return to the city. At 10.30 last night there arrived from Bangor a made-up train with a light freight, few passengers and a quantity of mail matter. Those on board state that it was impossible to get any connection west of Bangor.

WATERVILLE, Me., Dec. 16.—It is now definitely settled that no trains can be sent over the main line of the Maine Central for several days. An effort will be made to send a train over the back or Lewiston route in the morning. Many small washouts are reported on this route, but no real bad places have been discovered.

RICHMOND, Que., Dec. 16.—Floods in the St. Francis river broke the booms of the Royal pulp and paper mills at East Angus on Saturday night and released a million feet of logs. They are now passing Richmond, but will probably be saved by the booms of the Princeville Lumber company at the mouth of the St. Francis river. Other mills have also lost large quantities of logs. The loss will be heavy. At Madison many buildings were crushed or overthrown by the rushing water, the occupants being taken away in boats. The Malison woolen mills dye house, the new annex to the Indian woolen mills, and the toll bridge across the Kennebec were carried away and the walls of the Great Northern Paper Co.'s plant thrown down. Four bridges between Clinton and Fairfield were washed away, the mills along the river banks flooded and heavy losses sustained. At Waterville the new foot bridge, and at Winslow the toll bridge were swept down. The Portland Packing Co.'s plant was badly damaged. It is estimated that the water in the Kennebec is now falling.

It is estimated that about 7,000,000 feet of logs on the Penobscot have been swept away. They are valued at between \$80,000 and \$100,000. Eastern Maine suffered severely a number of steel bridges and large quantities of lumber being swept down.

HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The afternoon papers today comment approvingly on the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, by the United States senate yesterday, with the exception of the Globe, which sees in the overwhelming majority for the ratification proof that the compact is regarded by the senate as one sided and calculated to adversely affect British political and commercial interests. Senator Teller's offensive phrase: "In her present mood," clearly signifies, the paper says, the conviction that England has become too submissive to stand up for her rights against the great republic. The Globe concludes: "It is a surrender, not a bargain. We have over national property as purchase money for American friendship."

MOUNTED RIFLES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—The war office has not yet approved the names of the officers cabled over a week ago. Yesterday the names of those recommended for the eleven additional commissions were submitted to his excellency the governor general. It is announced that one whole squadron will act as scouts and that a medical officer who has seen service will have charge of the field hospital.

DISASTROUS FLOODS

In Pennsylvania Did Five Million Dollars of Damage.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 17.—Railroad service in this state which was badly crippled by the floods of Saturday night and Sunday is gradually recovering its normal conditions and by this afternoon or tomorrow morning trains will be running practically on time. In some localities it will be weeks before the damage is fully repaired. The sweep of water was greater in some sections than was ever known before, and bridges that withstood the floods of years were swept away. The sudden drop in the temperature was providential in some respects, as it prevented the flood from spreading, but it caused great suffering among 2,000 or more persons made homeless by the destruction of their houses. All passengers on stalled trains were removed from their uncomfortable situation last night and this morning by the railroad companies and the trains are now being taken to their destination. The Frank Daniels Comic Opera Co., which was to have opened a two weeks engagement at the Broad Street Theatre last night, did not reach the city until early this morning, having been nearly 40 hours in making the journey from Buffalo, which is ordinarily accomplished in twelve hours. The members of the company sat nearly all of this time. In the lower anthracite coal region the situation is growing worse. The mine workings are thoroughly soaked with water and it may be weeks before some of them can be worked, though there was a resumption today in a few mines. It is estimated that fifty thousand mine workers and mechanics are idle as a result of the flood.

Various estimates are given of the money loss entailed by the flood. Conservative guesses place the loss at from \$5,000,000 to six millions. So far reports have been received losses of nine lives in various places of the state.

AMERICANS SECURE CONTRACTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A number of important contracts for locomotives to be used by various foreign governments and private railroads have been placed in the United States within the last few days. The American Locomotive company of this city has secured a contract for thirty locomotives, intended for the Japanese government railways. The engines will be built at Schenectady. The same American concern is also building twelve locomotives for the Kushai railway, one of the big private roads operating in the Japanese empire. This makes the sixth order—seventy-two engines in all—that the American Locomotive Co. has secured from that road within the last two years. The Hokkaido railway, controlled by the Japanese government, has also ordered six American built engines. The Baldwin locomotive works of Philadelphia have been awarded a contract calling for eighteen locomotives to be shipped to the west Australian government railways, and thirty-six Yankee locomotives have also been contracted for on behalf of the New South Wales government railways. The H. K. Porter Co. of Pittsburg has been allotted an order for four locomotives for use in the coal mines near Johannesburg, South Africa.

WILL NOT VISIT IRELAND.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The World today says the proposed visit of King Edward and Queen Alexandra to Ireland (which was expected to have taken place in the spring or after his majesty's coronation), has been abandoned on account of the disturbed state of that country.

SMALLPOX.

The smallpox situation was quiet today. This morning the fumigation of the coal barge in quarantine was completed and it was expected to be released this afternoon.

In the house on Dukz street where the case was discovered yesterday there are six inmates. Most of these escaped before a quarantine could be established, but they were rounded up last night by the member of health inspection. The last member of the household to be gathered in was Clara Burns, a dusky maiden, who was celebrating in the Sheffield street district last night, when located by Inspector Howard.

"Hun" Gay, who is now serving a term in the common jail, was a boarder in the Burns' house on Friday last. The Burns woman is now in the board of health hospital.

The work of fumigating the General Public hospital was begun on Saturday and is being carefully proceeded with. The upper floor of the building, on which is ward 5, where the case of Charles Taylor developed, has been gone over once and ward C is now being done. In this ward alone two hundred pounds of sulphur have been burned.

There are at present six patients in the hospital, and it is thought that these will be discharged before the end of the week. From the epidemic hospital it is reported that Hattie Fawcett, Mrs. McCarthy and Louise Ketchum have recovered. The first will be discharged today and the other two on Thursday. All the other patients are doing nicely. From present appearances it would seem that the two nurses, Miss Munro and Miss Morris, will be able to get home before Christmas.

On account of the recent presence of Minnie Burns, one of the residents of Blood Alley, and several of her friends in the police court, Chief Clark is today having the building thoroughly fumigated.

During the past week in the course of routine work Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen visited the house. They are undergoing disinfection today.

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