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THIRTEENTH YEAR.

THE HOMESTEAD POISONING.

NON-UNION MEN WERE TO BE DINED
WITH CROTON OIL.

But the Cooks Refused—They Were to Get \$20 Each and a Watch and Chain—Rhubarb, Snuff and Other Things in the Powder—The Informer's Story.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17.—The hearing in the case of Robert Beatty, charged with having been a party to a plot to poison non-union men employed in the Carnegie steel works at Homestead, was held at the office of Ald. McMaisters this afternoon. Patrick Gallagher, the informer, was not present.

J. M. Davidson, a stonemason cook, was the first witness. He stated that in August in company with Gallagher they met Beatty in Pittsburgh.

"It was understood," he said, "that we were to go to Homestead and there we were to take something with us and put it into food given the non-union men in order to make them sick and render them unfit for work."

"Beatty took us to the office of the Knights of Labor, where we met Master Workman Hugh Dempsey. Gallagher and Dempsey did most of the talking. Beatty suggested doing the men with croton oil. I said to Dempsey said I knew a powder which would do better. He said he had used this powder in Chicago and he would guarantee us \$50 each and our expenses."

Fewers instead of Croton Oil.
"I got no powder that day. We then left to go to Homestead. Beatty said we were to get \$50 and a gold watch and chain if we went. Gallagher went to Homestead two days after that. Dempsey said I don't know whether they were using croton oil or whether they were using powder. Beatty said he would get more on December 1."

"I asked Beatty what was in the powder. He said, 'rhubarb, snuff and other things. He did not say who furnished them.' This was the talking he mentioned Lynch, Crawford and Dr. Furman."

Mr. Brennan gave him a severe cross-examination and asked him to state in any particular. He insists that he had not administered any powder to the men. He was arrested in November and taken into St. Nichol building and was sworn and told the story he had just told, was released.

Detective J. H. Ford testified to hearing Beatty describe the powder, and Gallagher says: "Tom Barry suggested using croton oil."

Louis Wolters, steward of the Homestead mill restaurant, testified to serious and rapid increase of illness among the men after Gallagher's employment. That himself and wife were yet suffering from its effects. He said he had seen the powder.

W. E. Billocke and Joseph Leslie, payroll clerks, also suffered from the drug and testified to its effect upon them.

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TALMAGE'S TABERNACLE SEIZED.

A Pioneer Who Was Not Paid \$1104.88 Since 1889—He Has a Judgment. He Wants Satisfied.

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Dec. 17.—By virtue of an execution issued by Judge Bartlett yesterday Rev. T. De Witt Talmage's tabernacle has been seized by the sheriff to satisfy a judgment of \$1104.88 obtained on behalf of Alfred Tong, a painter, who painted the church after the fire of 1889 and has not been paid. An officer is in charge of the seized property.

THE MAYORALTY CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Sheppard Opens His Campaign at the Auditorium To-night.

There will be a great crowd at the Auditorium this evening to hear Mr. J. B. Sheppard's opening address as a mayoralty candidate. He will have very influential support. The misdeeds of the Fleming administration will be exposed with an unsparring hand.

Wilson Barrett, Actor and Manager.

Wilson Barrett, whose engagement this week at the Grand Opera House will be the event of the dramatic season here, is one of the most famous actors and dramatists of the present day.

For nearly 10 years he managed the Prince of Wales Theatre, London, and during that period he has written and acted in more than 400 plays and dramas. He is also a successful producer of "Hamlet," which he has produced in London, New York and other cities.

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CAPRIVI AND THE EMPEROR.

THEY WILL STAND OR FALL BY THE ARMY BILL.

Bismarck Not Mentioned in the Debate—The Emperor's Speech on the Army Bill.

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LONDON'S SICK.

A G.E.R. Locomotive Exploded—Large Number of Windows Shattered—Faded Lined Lifted Off the Pavements.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Grand Trunk locomotive No. 887 blew up with terrific force at 8:10 to-night. The concussion was felt from one end of the city to the other.

An immense hole was driven into the roadhouse and the sidewalk between the buildings on the opposite side of the street were badly shaken and every window in the neighborhood was smashed. The Elliot foundry suffered especially.

Residents in the vicinity are busily engaged covering their windows with sheets of cloth of all descriptions to keep out cold.

Large pieces of the boiler have been picked up a couple of blocks from the scene of the explosion and they were lifted off the ground by the concussion.

Michael Conroy, night engineer of the Grand Trunk, was knocked senseless, and escaped without serious injury and was taken to hospital.

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ARCHIE CAMMELL'S MURDER.

AVERTIC AGAINST THE BROTHER-IN-LAW AND WIFE.

The Evidence Was Very Strong Against the Suspect, James Rowe—The Jury Passed a Severe Resolution to Compel the Government in Criminal Cases to Disclose.

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 17.—The coroner's jury, who have been investigating the cause of the death of Archie Cammell, who was killed at the door of his own residence in Perth-street about midnight on Monday, 12th inst., rendered their verdict to-day. They had five sittings and examined a large number of witnesses, including the wife of the deceased and her son by a former marriage, a 10-year-old boy.

The verdict was to the effect that Cammell came to his death by a gunshot fired by James Rowe, who is a brother-in-law of the deceased, and that his wife, Mary Cammell, was accessory after the fact.

The evidence was very strong against Rowe, who was residing in the house with the Cammells, and disappeared immediately after the crime was committed.

He returned to town on the evening of the 13th inst. and gave himself up to the police on Monday morning.

The wife of the deceased has not been arrested, but it may be at any time.

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BLAKE'S FINE HEAD OF HAIR.

And His Oratory Are Not Sufficient to Give Him the Leadership of the Irish Party.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Times' London cable says: "The historic indisposition of English politicians and editors to mind their own business is displaying itself just now in an effort of certain Liberal newspapers to secure Edward Blake as the proper leader of the Irish National Party."

"I suppose the effort is well meant, but I rather tax the patience of Irishmen to act as if they liked it. Blake may be useful in the House, particularly as the English seem much struck by his Canadian oratorical methods and his fine head of hair, but there is no earthly prospect of his being considered as a possible successor to Justin McCarthy, who, indeed, needs no successor."

PERILS OF TRAVEL.

A Collision—One Man Killed—Several Passengers Injured.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 18.—Private advice here states that a collision occurred on the Southern Railway near McKinney, about 12 miles south of Junction city, between No. 1 passenger south bound and a north bound freight.

No. 1 was running by the new schedule and by some mistake the freight was running on the old time Charles Fagin baggagemaster and United States Express Messenger Kinney were killed.

Several passengers were injured. It is universally conceded that when a manufactured article has been a standard staple for many years amongst the trade the profit thereon through competition seldom goes down to almost a cash discount, which there are comparatively few who can avail themselves; therefore other brands than those that are standard and staple are introduced to substitute other brands that are not so well known. Competition has increased to such an extent that a great many of them consider it necessary and advisable to substitute other brands that are not so well known. Competition has increased to such an extent that a great many of them consider it necessary and advisable to substitute other brands that are not so well known.

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INDIA RUBBER GOODS.

Of Every Description. Toronto Rubber Company of Canada, Limited. King-Street West, Factories—Port Dalhousie.

ONE CENT.

CREMATED IN THE CABOOSE.

A HORRIBLE SCENE ON THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Three Men Burned to Death—Four Were Killed—Five Were Hurt—The Men Were Asleep When the Collision Occurred—The Engineer Must Have Been Criminally Negligent of His Duty.

ALEXANDRIA, Minn., Dec. 18.—A frightful accident occurred on the Great Northern Railroad this morning at Nelson station, five miles east of here, in which eight men were killed and five were seriously injured. There had been a collision Friday morning at Nelson, and a number of cars were wrecked. The wreck train had been there two days clearing up and making up preparatory to pulling out for the east.

At about 1 o'clock this morning the wreck train caboose was left standing on the main track with a number of cars. A caboose freight struck the wreck train and threw the caboose on the top of the next car, setting both on fire.

There were 15 men in the caboose. One jumped off, five were hurt, three were burned beyond recognition and four were killed. One was burned up, not a sign of his remains being found.

The men killed were asleep in the caboose when the engine struck it. The injured were promptly removed to the place where medical aid was given them. The men that were burned beyond recognition were being literally charred. The coroner began an inquest to-day.

BLAINE'S ILLNESS.

He Has Rallied After Being on the Threshold of Death.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—All day long the life of Charles D. Blaine has hung trembling in the balance. For more than 10 and 11 o'clock this morning, when a sinking spell hit in, from which the worst was feared.

His family were called round the bedside, and his physician sent messenger after messenger to the nearest drug store with prescriptions which were being renewed. The distinguished patient lay unconscious and to all appearances dying until shortly before 1 o'clock when a slight improvement over the morning. At 11 p.m. Dr. Johnston and Hyatt saw Mr. Blaine again, and for publication the following statement:

"Mr. Blaine seems to have rallied entirely from the effects of his morning attack and appears to be as well as he has been at any time within the past week, and which is not possible to say what changes may take place in his condition, he can be said to be in no immediate danger."

THE MELLIS AFFAIR.

The Man Who Stabbed the Habit Hunters Has Been Arrested.

WINDSOR, Dec. 17.—Harry Vaughan, who is a quarrelsome Mellicott, stabbed and killed George Randall and seriously wounded his brother, and who was acquitted by a coroner's jury in November of last year, has been re-arrested and now lies in jail. He will be prosecuted by the Attorney-General on a charge of manslaughter.

An Earl Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Lord Seymour William Dawson-Damer, the fourth Earl of Portarlington, died to-day.

The Cholera in Germany.

BREMEN, Dec. 17.—The Reichsanzeiger announces that five cases of cholera and two deaths have been reported in Hamburg in the last three weeks.

Exports of Gold.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The exports of gold this week were \$4,250,000.

Will It Work?

You needn't put a block in the slot," said a druggist to The World's Work man, who was about to use the drug store telephone. "This isn't a branch office of the Bell Telephone Company, it's a drug store. You'll find when my customers want to use it they will come to me. The contrivance box was seen in a week, but as yet there's nothing in it."