

CRIME.

A travelling cancer doctor in Pennsylvania has fled, after causing the death of at least one lady and leaving another in a critical condition. Mrs. Stillwell, of Ohio, who recently confessed on her deathbed that she murdered both her parents, husband and child, and a stranger, has died, and her weird confessions are not generally believed to be true. One hundred thousand dollars in gold was recently shipped from the sub-treasury in New York to the United States fleet on the Pacific, but when the treasure came to be delivered at Aspinwall one of the two kegs containing it was missing, and although several persons were arrested nothing was ascertained that would lead to conviction of the thieves or recovery of the money. Burglars continue to make their disagreeable presence known in towns in Ontario. In Leamington they entered the post-office and took three to four hundred dollars in cash and stamps, which they got by cutting and bursting open the safe, and also the establishment of Messrs. E. M. Bee & Co., merchants, where they also wrecked a safe and carried off fifteen hundred dollars in cash and about two hundred dollars' worth of jewellery and silk, besides commercial paper that is useless for want of endorsement. Three burglars, young men of about twenty-three, have been caught in Stratford, and are in prison in Strathroy. George W. Matthews, station agent on the New York, Ontario & Western Railway at Morrisville, has absconded, a defaulter for eight thousand dollars. The Planters House fire in St. Louis, Missouri, is now charged to burglars, as many valuables belonging to guests are known to have been carried off. A notorious robber nicknamed "Billy the Kid" was lately shot while swimming a river in Montana to escape vigilants, and his body lost. All his known associates were given twenty-four hours to leave the town of Wekeville. Michael Vanderburg and Matthew Woodlock recently turned out at the advice of friends, to settle a dispute with shot guns at twenty paces. Vanderburg had his eyes put out and Woodlock was fatally wounded, and it is said a large crowd witnessed and enjoyed the occurrence. A man named Corey, who has for a long time been doing a brisk and bad business in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick with counterfeit money, was lately detected and arrested. Boice, the defaulting treasurer of the Jersey City Bank, acted the part of a hypocrite previous to his crime coming out, by assuring the directors that the blessing of God rested on the bank and asking them to return thanks to the Almighty for its prosperity. John H. Moore, ferry master of the New York Ferry Company, was lately arrested on a charge of embezzling forty thousand dollars. After sixteen years in the company's service, beginning as gateman, he owns real estate valued at twenty thousand dollars and has sixteen thousand dollars in bank. He has been discharged for want of evidence. It is said the Ferry Company has been systematically robbed by its employees to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars. Four notorious burglars—Walker Crestline (otherwise Shaw Clark), a Canadian gaoled bird, John Donahue, of Ohio, and William Healy and Richard Punch, residents of Rochester, New York, have been arrested in the latter city just as they were about to commit another of a long chain of burglaries from Buffalo to Rochester. Roderick Howell, seventy years of age, is in gaol in Prince Edward Island, awaiting trial for the murder of William Wallace, whom he shot in a quarrel about some fence poles in the settlement of Malpeque. There is strong

evidence against Scheller, the barkeeper of the Newhall House, Milwaukee, for having set that building on fire, and he has to be strongly guarded in gaol to save him from the vengeance of citizens. Charles Wagner, who defaulted with the funds of a Presbyterian Church of which he was Treasurer in Port Stanley, Ontario, was arrested in London, in that Province, a few weeks after his return from a trip to Europe and while he was feigning sickness to avoid being taken. Francis Bransfield obtained about fifteen hundred dollars by false pretences in St. John's, Newfoundland, and eloped with a young girl, but was arrested immediately upon his arrival by steamer at Halifax. About six hundred dollars were found with him, and he wept when taken to the police station, saying drink had caused his folly, and he was held until he could be sent back to Newfoundland. Mr. William Nesbitt, a prosperous farmer of Longue Pointe, near Montreal, was the victim of a desperate attempt at murder on Friday of last week by a man named Milloy, whom he had discharged from his service a few days previously. Milloy, a British army pensioner, met Mr. Nesbitt in the stable early in the morning, and after a few words shot him in the neck from an old-fashioned pistol, and then clubbed him with a heavy wooden shovel, breaking it in pieces over his head. The wounded man managed to get into his house, where he was followed by his assailant, who, however, was driven off by Mrs. Nesbitt armed with a heavy poker, probably saving her own life as well as her husband's. The miscreant retreated to the stable and, saddling the best horse, rode off, but let the horse go upon reaching the main road, and was soon in the hands of the police. The wounded man has been ever since in a very critical condition, but hopes are entertained while this is being written that he will recover. Harvey Taylor, of Richfield Springs, New York, killed his wife and mother-in-law and then hung himself. Philadelphia is said to have been swindled out of forty-one thousand dollars in 1881 by sales of tar. Alonzo Lynch and Isola Abbey, both of good social position, were lately married at Bowling Green, Virginia, and were just going on board a train for their wedding tour when they were arrested for stealing one thousand dollars from an uncle of the bride, and the money was recovered, some of it being hidden in the bride's hair. John Landenberger a Philadelphia merchant who is said to have absconded with one hundred thousand dollars belonging to his friends, has been traced to Toronto.

CASUALTY.

Miss Brown, daughter of Sylvanus Brown of Pickering, Ontario, was lately thrown out of a sleigh, and, it was feared, fatally injured. The British ship "Pride of the Ocean," from Hamburg for New York, was lately lost off the English coast, and judging from the fine pieces in which the wreckage came ashore it is believed the vessel was shattered by an explosion of dynamite. Numerous earthquakes have recently been felt in Austria and Spain, in Murcia in the latter country many houses being destroyed. Mr. Patrick Nulty, of Rawdon, Quebec, was lately crushed under the falling roof of his barn and died in a few hours after being taken out by the almost superhuman efforts of his wife and her young brother. The managers of the circus at Berditschev, Russia, which was burned recently with a loss of a hundred and fifty lives, if not many more, have been arrested for having laid nailed up the side doors of the place, against which were piled fifty corpses of people who had tried to get out of the flames by them.

A freight train lately went through a bridge over the Hoosic River, on the Troy & Boston Railway, the hands saving their lives by jumping. It is awful to think what the results would have been of a similar accident to a passenger train, as eight freight cars were smashed and piled in the river. Jacob Schriever, of Fredericksburg, Texas, and eight children were lately poisoned by eating pork, three children dying soon and the others not being expected to live. Charles Sauvage, an industrious lad of seventeen living with and helping to support his parents at St. Henri, a suburb of Montreal, tried a few days ago in a blinding snow-storm to get on a locomotive to ride to his work in the city, as he had been accustomed to do, but he was caught by a part of the engine and literally cut to pieces on the track. The village of Marais, in the valley of Faverge, Switzerland, has been overwhelmed by a landslide, that came on so slowly enough to allow the inhabitants to escape. The steamer "Josephine" blew up in Port Sasa Bay, Washington Territory, on the seventeenth, killing or drowning about six of the crew and several passengers, and injuring others. Half of the boat floated and sixteen persons escaped without injury. The explosion of a calcium light machine in an opera house in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, caused mortal wounds to two men on the stage and severe injury to others, and a disastrous panic among the audience was only averted by the cool exertions of some of those present. The explosion of a gunpowder factory at Minden, Holland, killed twelve workmen and damaged much surrounding property. The steamer "Canina," running between New York, Halifax and Newfoundland, on a late trip ran down and sunk the brig "Posie Peaseley," and the boat in which the captain and four men escaped was swamped and only one man saved himself, while two who went back to the cabin to get their money were carried down by the vessel. The steamship "Cimbria," from Hamburg, Germany, for New York, with three hundred and eighty passengers and a crew of a hundred and ten, collided with the steamer "Sultan" during a fog off Borkum Island in the North Sea. The officers of the "Cimbria," knowing that she must sink almost immediately, made every effort to save life, but the work was difficult owing to the vessel listing badly, and only half of the eight boats on board could be lowered. The first boat launched upset at once, drowning most of those in it, and less than one hundred persons are known to be saved. Severe reflections are being cast upon the "Sultan" for steaming off without affording any assistance, but the captain asserts his vessel remained in the neighborhood for many hours but heard no more of the "Cimbria," and he was surprised on reaching Hamburg to hear that she had foundered. Mrs. Sarah Daker, a bookseller at Annapolis, Nova Scotia, a niece of a late Governor of the Province, the Hon. Joseph Howe, lately went out for a moonlight airing and not returning it is feared she fell over one of the wharves, that are very high at that place to suit the Bay of Fundy tides. The total loss of life by the burning of the Newhall House, Milwaukee, is now definitely known to have been seventy-five. The eastward bound Overland Express on the Pacific Railway ran away backward down a steep grade of a hundred and twenty feet in the mile, near Tehacapi, California, at midnight of the nineteenth instant, and jumping the track after a fearful flight of four miles two sleeping cars and the mail, baggage and express cars ran off the track and were piled in a shattered heap at the foot of an embankment, where they took fire and were con-

sumed. Twenty-one persons perished by mauling and burning and many others were badly injured.

FIRES.

The safe works of Messrs. Bain, West & McLean, Toronto, were destroyed by fire last week. They were insured for forty thousand dollars, which will cover all losses. A fire in the Elba iron works, Franktown, Pennsylvania, caused a loss of forty thousand dollars. The Tweedle Hall, Albany, New York, has been ruined by a fire starting in a music store beneath it. In Neenah, Wisconsin, a fire broke out in the Russell House, burning it down and also the National Bank of Neenah, the Post-office, Kemberley & Elwer's drug store, Lauburg's notion store, Paine's restaurant, Seave's drug store, O'Shler's market, Bellstein's hide house, Clousen & Gram's dry goods and other buildings, causing a total loss of about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, on which there was fifty thousand dollars' insurance. Cobourg, Ontario, has had a two thousand dollar fire, the principal loser being F. P. Meehan, soda water maker. Sanford's cotton mills, Amsterdam, New York, have sustained damages of fifty thousand dollars by fire, largely covered with insurance. The Quincy House, Quincy, Illinois, was burned on the morning of the nineteenth. Nearly all of sixty-five guests and forty-two servants lost all they had, and several persons were injured. The owner's loss is thirty thousand and the keeper's fifteen thousand dollars. The Key City block, that cost forty thousand dollars, was burned in Moorhead, Minnesota, last week. Forty persons living in the block got out safely but with some narrow escapes. Four business firms lost their entire stocks. Messrs. C. W. Bourne & Co., warehousemen, London, England, lost four hundred thousand dollars by a fire in their establishment. A great portion of the city of Kherzon, Russia, has been destroyed by fire, supposed to be incendiary. Backley's slaughter and wool house, Amherst Nova Scotia, where meat was prepared for shipment to England, has been burned; loss six thousand five hundred dollars. The flouring mills of Mr. Charles Smith, at Campbellford, Ontario, have been burned with thousands of bushels of grain; loss forty-five thousand dollars, partly insured. Messrs. Rankin & Blackmore's iron foundry, Greenock, Scotland, has been burned—a great loss. Mr. Reuben Weagle, Milton, Nova Scotia, had his house burned, and his brother Isaac lost two thousand dollars and a valuable gold watch in the fire.

THE WEEK.

THE SEA is cutting away the beach at Sandy Hook, New Jersey, and has undermined the Government buildings.

THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE, Maryland, reports small-pox under control in that city, and the number of cases reduced to four hundred and sixty-three.

THE CITIZENS of Cambridge, Massachusetts, have presented Howard College with a quarter of a million dollars, with which to extend the dormitories of the institution, which must be rented at not more than fifty dollars a year.

MR. MORRIS, Collector of Customs at Sitka, Alaska, has retracted the charges he made some time ago against Commander Pearson, of the Navy, of having refused medicine and medical attendants to the natives during an epidemic.