

AFTERNOON TELEGRAMS. NEWS IN NUTSHELL FORM.

Cream of the Foreign and Domestic Intelligence for Free Press Readers.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

An attempt was made yesterday to blow up the railway station in the Rue St. Denis, Paris, with dynamite. Several arrests have been made.

Gen. Boulanger and his wife again appeared before the Tribunal on Wednesday. He is said to have been ordered to live with his wife, but that their daughter insists upon becoming a nun.

Reports from Massowah state that the powerful Beni and Bogos tribes have assisted in the siege of Suakin. If the English troops inflict a defeat on the rebels other tribes will also probably desert.

Anglo-Indian papers demand that Lord Salisbury should explain why he called Chief Natorji a blackman. The Indian Daily News asks for a frank apology. The Pioneer says it is a blot on the most interesting political type of the age.

The result of the poll for the vacancy on the committee of the Hudson Bay Company at London was declared on Wednesday. Mr. Russell Stephenson, the nominee, was elected by a rather narrow majority. Mr. McLean entered a formal protest against certain alleged irregularities, which the directors received, though they refused to listen to the strong remarks of the shareholders present.

Prince Bismarck, in a letter to the Dean of the Glessen University, returning thanks for the Doctorship of Divinity conferred upon him, says that the distinction conferred upon me to my constant efforts in the cause of tolerant and practical Christianity. He who is conscious of his own insufficiency will, as age and experience enlarge his knowledge, be proportionately tolerant of the opinions of others.

AMERICAN WIRELETS.

Josephine Denonle, aged 15, and her sister Francis, aged 9, were drowned in Bad River, near Ashland, Wis., on Tuesday.

A fire at Portland, Conn., Wednesday morning destroyed \$15,000 worth of business property; supposed incendiary.

The Baxter Electric Manufacturing and Motor Company, of Baltimore, Md., has assigned liabilities about \$30,000.

The anarchists of Chicago have made arrangements to meet Mrs. Parsons at the depot on her return from Europe, and escort her through the street with a brass band. The police, however, will refuse to allow it.

A fire on Tuesday night destroyed the old Prescott Shooth house in Syracuse, occupied by several manufacturing firms, and a four-story brick building occupied by several other manufacturing concerns. Total loss, \$80,000.

A portion of the Corland wagon works, at Corland, N. Y., was destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning. The flames originated in the blacksmithing department, which was destroyed, along with the wood working and finishing room. The company had an insurance of \$21,500, which will probably cover the loss.

Henry Romp was up for trial at Goderich Wednesday, charged with placing obstructions on the G. T. R. track. After witnesses were examined the case was adjourned for a week, at which time Judge Toms will give a decision. The prisoner is of low mental calibre, and Dr. Holmes gave evidence in effect that he was irresponsible.

Mrs. Henrietta L. Snell, widow of the murdered Chicago millionaire, A. J. Snell, announces she will pay \$50,000 for the capture of Wm. A. Tascot in any part of the world. This reward is offered on the same terms as the last reward of \$20,000, and will be good for four months.

Miss Irving, the sweet singer of Sleepy Hollow, New York, has begun suit for \$20,000 for defamation of character against Palmer R. Wells, a stenographer and typewriter who is employed in this city, and lives at Port Richmond, Staten Island. Miss Irving, whose real name is Minnie Odell, belongs to the impassioned school of poets. Mr. Wells seems to be long to the same class of beings.

In October, 1887, Henry M. Jackson, a cashier at the S. & T. Treasury, absconded with \$10,000. He might have taken millions, and though his friends were surprised at the act they were equally unable to account for the fact that he took so little money. Recent developments and a divorce suit tend to show that Jackson was prompted to the act by the insanity of his wife, who was involved with her husband's cousin, Nathan H. Sanford, coal and lumber merchant, of Goshen, N. Y. Sanford's wife recently obtained a divorce. It is supposed Jackson is still in Canada.

W. C. Ashtenfelder, agent for a baking powder manufacturer, was driving between Hamilton and Burlington Wednesday when his horse took fright at a passing train and ran away. Mr. Ashtenfelder was thrown 20 feet down an embankment, and was found in an insensible condition much cut and bruised about 1 1/2 hours. He was brought to an hotel where he is being cared for.

The traffic returns of the C. P. R. from November 21 to November 29, 1888, were \$301,000, 1887, \$272,000; increase for 1888, \$19,000. The above does not include earnings on the South-eastern and International railways.

Dakota Seeks an Entrance. Jameson, Dak., Dec. 6.—At the Statehood Convention last evening resolutions were unanimously adopted favoring the division of Dakota territory on the seventh standard parallel and the immediate admission of the northern portion in the Union under the name of North Dakota. That north Dakota and Montana and Washington Territory are respectfully invited to cooperate with North Dakota in this movement for admission.

Failed to Stand the Test. Annapolis, Md., Dec. 5.—At the second test of the Essener cast-steel gun at the proving grounds at the Naval Academy this afternoon, the gun burst into numberless pieces, breaking the heavy timber platform it was on into a thousand fragments. The first charge was 36 pounds, the second 48, the regulation charge.

Found Dead in a Mine. Mauch Chunk, Pa., December 6.—The bodies of two men were found dead in a mine at Nesquehoning, Pa., last evening. The bodies were found in a mine at Nesquehoning, Pa., last evening. The bodies were found in a mine at Nesquehoning, Pa., last evening.

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THE TRUE INWARDNESS OF A TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST NEAR BLYTH, ONT.

Full Particulars of the Sherman-Burn Marriage—The Love Letters—What Will be Proved at the Examination, &c.

London, Dec. 6.—The trial of young Harrow Tuck Sherman, for alleged conspiracy, and for making a false declaration on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Florence Gray, against the wishes of her parents, comes up on Monday next. His father, mother and two domestic servants, alleged to have plotted him in the conspiracy, will be indicted as his accomplices on the same day. The reason why the girl's parents have not been able to see her since the ceremony is because she is not in the country. Her young husband sent her to Brussels the week after the marriage in order to finish her education. She is there, but will be brought here to testify in her husband's behalf. The latter asserts that she will accuse her mother of cruel treatment, and will declare that she was glad to get away from her home, where she had been made intensely miserable.

Harrow Sherman says that he is 22 years old, and not 20 as alleged in the affidavits against him. He is speaking of his own story of his marriage.—My wife's name was Florence Gray. She is a daughter of Mrs. Burn by her former husband, the name of her father being Byrne. I met Florence at Brussels in January, 1887, and fell in love with her at first sight. Mrs. Burn encouraged me. I was with Florence a good deal at Brussels, and after our return to England in April, 1888, I proposed marriage and was accepted. Mrs. Burn embraced me, and said that she knew no one whom she would rather have for a son-in-law. My intention was to get married in three years' time. Last summer, however, Mrs. Burn began to show opposition to the marriage, and said that she was going to send Florence to a convent. I discovered that she used the girl cruelly, and that she even went so far as to beat her, and that she was not bringing her up in the manner I wished my future wife to be brought up. On September 14th last I was at Mrs. Burn's house at Southbury, and a quarrel arose over my attending to Florence. Her stepfather ordered her from the house, whereupon I sent for our carriage and drove her over to our place, the "Cedars," which at her belonging. The matter was soon an othered over, and Florence was sent to visit some relatives at Bognor. We corresponded and I soon discovered that she must marry the girl at once in order to protect her from her mother. My father and mother did not assist me in bringing about the secret marriage. Florence and I were married in London. She is 18 years old and can do as she pleases. As Florence was only at Bognor on a visit, we did not think it necessary to give any other address than the "Cedars." As regards the other charge against me, I may state that Mrs. Burn is not Florence's legal guardian, and her consent to the marriage was not, therefore, necessary. After the wedding I took my wife back to the "Cedars" for a few days and then sent her back to Brussels. I had no never lived with her and will not be afraid to face the proceedings in court. I expect to prove a case of blackmail. We were given to understand that a check from my father would stop publicity, and that one of four figures would be ample. Mr. Sherman, senior, has engaged Mr. Poland, one of the very sharpest criminal lawyers in London, to defend his son. Mrs. Burn does not know that her daughter is in Brussels. She sends messages to the "Cedars" every day, but the Sheremans will have nothing to do with her.

Mrs. Burn repudiated to your correspondent yesterday the facts contained in her affidavits and which were called yesterday to you. She also showed the following letter which she received from her daughter from Bognor only four days before the marriage. It reads as follows:—

"My dearest mamma, I am so sorry to find that you do not think that I am sorry for what has happened. I am more sorry than I can tell you, and do hope you will forgive me. Do not be angry with me any more, as I feel so upset to think what unhappiness I have caused you. I really only want to know how that you have forgiven me. Do, please, mamma, dear, write and tell me that you have forgiven me because I feel so unhappy to think that I have made you feel ill. Please try and forget my naughtiness and all our unhappiness and let us be to each other again what we ought to be. You don't know how I feel to know that I have hurt you, my mother in the way I have, and to think that my mother should be ill through her child's naughtiness, so please forgive me. Mamma, I am writing to you before my coming home. She feels so disappointed that we shall have to leave her so soon, but of course I am willing to do just what you wish. And now, mamma, I am hoping that you will forgive me and that you will understand that dreadful unhappiness this has been to me. All I am hoping and you, my mother, to be with fond love from Mabel and from your ever-loving daughter, FLORENCE."

Mrs. Burn says she will give the Sherman a big surprise when she gets them into court.

Zephyrs From Zanzibar. Zanzibar, Dec. 6.—Italian ship Doghola has joined in the blockade.

The situation on the German coast is exceedingly grave. The sowing season has arrived, but the colonists make no effort to cultivate the land for fear of insurgent attacks.

The natives refused to work, because they are afraid of being captured and sold as slaves. There is danger that a famine will ensue.

The French mission at Bagamoyo provides a refuge and food for 3,000 homeless natives.

The population of Zanzibar are alarmed at the arrival of a dhow at Wasuri with Muscat Arabs. These Arabs are noted plunderers, and are encouraged by the mild rule of the present Sultan. It is reported other dhows are following.

Boulanger's Political Prediction. Paris, Dec. 6.—In an interview yesterday Gen. Boulanger said:—The Government will try to postpone the general election in October, 1889, at the risk of spoiling the exhibition by an electoral campaign. But it will make no difference. The revisionist party I represent will be returned by a large majority. He laughed at the idea of a "march" being held, and said every man greeted would be elected at the general election. With reference to an alliance with the Corsicans, he complained that the people failed to see that he was warning them from their royalist leaders to the exposing of his cause—an honest republic.

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INTERESTING RAILWAY MATTERS. The Question of Differential Rates—A Big Syndicate—Eng Incurers Strike.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—The Times says it is reported that Eastern capitalists have been for some time considering a scheme which provides for the creation of a syndicate which would control and manage in all the western railroads and manage them as one system. Railroad men, however, say they know nothing about it.

The Chicago & Atlantic (Erie) has definitely determined not to accept the differential of five cents on dressed beef rates to New York fixed for it by the meeting last week, but will make a differential of five, or a rate of 43c to New York, that being on the basis of 10 per cent. of the regular rate, as awarded to it by Chairman Fink last spring. It will, however, make the same rate on grain, provisions and class rates as other roads.

The refusal to accept the agreement as dressed beef rates is likely to cause serious disturbance, if it should be discovered that the road secures more than a fair proportion of the traffic. The fact that the rate is lower than the dressed beef is a source of great dissatisfaction to dressed beef shippers. The industry, however, will be put to rest by all lines December 17.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 2.—Most of the engineers on the Montana Union Railroad struck yesterday, the cause being the alleged unjust discharge of three of their number by the master mechanic. The strike will put a stop to the working of the copper mines at Anaconda.

SERIOUS FIRE AT GUELPH. The G. T. R. Freight House Burned and Nearly all the Contents.

Guelph, Dec. 6.—The Grand Trunk freight house was totally destroyed by fire at two o'clock this morning. The building was a very large wooden one and contained a great quantity of freight, nearly all of which was destroyed. Six cars of general merchandise were also totally consumed.

Mr. Powderly's Opinion. Columbus, Ohio, December 6.—General Master Workman Powderly, speaking last night at a meeting of the convention, said we are weeding out the troublesome ones. For sometime there has been an Anarchistic element in the Order. These fellows who perfectly happy when they get into the Order and succeed in stirring up quarrels. We have no room for any kind of Anarchists in the country. We are not opposed to strikes, but believe in reason before strikes, not strikes and reason afterward. I believe in the education of the workmen. There is no conflict between the R. of L. and the trades' unions. We can work together in regard to legislation in securing new laws or the repeal of objectionable laws. There is more necessity at present for the repeal of bad laws than there is for the enactment of new laws.

A Warning to Hot-Tempered Speakers. New York, Dec. 6.—Councilman John Miller, of Hoboken, dropped dead in the City Hall last night at the close of the meeting. The chairman declared a motion to adjourn carried, and refused to permit Miller to offer a resolution. They had a heated argument afterward, and Miller became excited. Friends parted them and Miller went into the City Clerk's office. A moment later he dropped dead of heart disease.

Mangled by a Sausage Chopper. Montreal, Dec. 5.—J. Francoeur, a butcher boy, has been nearly cut to pieces by a 30-lb. sausage chopper in Blanchard's butcher shop. The boy had been sliding on the edge of a chopping block, a double-bladed knife hanging suspended above him, on an iron hook. The boy was warned that on account of the work going on upstairs the chopper might become detached from its hook. At that very moment the arrangement fell, one of the blades burying itself deeply in the boy's back and cutting off a slice of flesh about one and a half feet long and one foot broad. Medical attendance was called and it is believed he will recover.

The Brotherhood of Brakemen intend holding their annual celebration in this city on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st.



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