

GENERAL NEWS NOTES

POINTED ITEMS CHRONICLING THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS.

The Record of Crimes, Accidents and Other Matters of General Interest to the Public at Large, Given in Few Words for the Benefit of Those Who Are in a Hurry.

Advices from East Africa state that the German troops have won an important victory over the hostile natives at Unianiwin. The hostile natives sustained heavy loss. The German loss included a sergeant and 10 native soldiers killed and a lieutenant wounded.

William Jackson and Asbury Fields were instantly killed at St. Clairsville by an explosion. They were employed to clean out a well situated in the rear end of the Methodist church and on letting down a lighted candle to test the air the explosion followed, completely wrecking the building.

At Chicago Florence Bindley, well known to vanderbilt patrons as Baby Bindley, secured a divorce from her husband, Edward E. Redford.

Governor Flower has signed the following bill: Senator Plunkitt's bill, providing for a driveway in New York city, which embraces the plans of Mayor Gilroy; the bill allowing an executor to compromise or compound any debt owing by an estate; the bill appropriating \$20,000 for the purchase of Fire Island by the state, the bill appropriating \$30,000 for a canal dam across the Seneca river at Baldwinsville and others of less importance.

The celebrated racehorse Monitor, the idol of thousands and the pride of his owner, George Lorrillard, is dead. Monitor was a son of Glen Elg and Minx, a sister of Splenda and Monarchist, by Lexington, and was foaled in 1876.

United States Treasurer Nebeker has placed his resignation in the hands of the president. He has received a note from President Cleveland, stating that he will accept it at the earliest possible moment.

Sherman Arp, colored, was hanged at Center, Ala., for the murder of a farmer named Pugh. Arp sold his \$13.40 for it. Ex-Judge George M. Curtis, counsel for Colonel William B. Hayes, convicted of perjury at New York, says that he feels positive Justice Ingraham of the supreme court will grant Hayes a stay of proceedings, under which he may be admitted to bail pending his appeal for a new trial.

Four carpenters at work on a building at Chicago were terribly injured by being buried beneath the ruins of the collapsing turret. They are William Herr, John Goodrich, Julius Lemke and Frank Simonds. The latter fatally.

John Erickson and Sam Swanson, two well-to-do farmers of Soo Creek, were instantly killed near Cameron, six miles south of Rice Lake, Wis., by being struck by the Chicago special on the Omaha.

Joseph Massey of Quincy, Mass., attempted to kill Miss Mary Victoria Lafave of the same town by shooting her three times and then committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. The girl will probably die. Unrequited love and jealousy are given as the cause.

James B. Keene, the speculator, denies that he has an interest, directly or indirectly, in any produce, either in New York or in Chicago, and the story telegraphed from that city that he was joined with certain parties in a large operation in wheat is utterly destitute of truth.

William E. Hoffman, the superintendent of the money order division of the Buffalo postoffice for the past two years, was arrested charged with embezzling \$5,370.50. He has admitted his guilt, but assigned no reason for the offense.

James L. Hamilton, the colored preacher, who was to have been executed at Sing Sing this week for the murder of his wife, has been respite by Governor Flower until Monday, March 20. At that time the governor will hear an argument by R. R. Perry, counsel for Hamilton, as to why the execution should not take place.

The big rains and thaws have created great floods in the basins of both the Loup and Platte rivers in Nebraska. A bridge was carried out at Belwood and at Columbus some railroad trestles gave way, washing into the river a stranger whose name is not known. Ice gorges were formed, and about a mile of the track near Columbus is under snow and ice.

Mamie Carr, aged 9 years, and an orphan, of Bridgeport, Conn., was burned to death by the explosion of a lamp. She was alone in the house. Her screams attracted Rev. Father Carroll, who was passing. He found the child enveloped in a column of fire which reached to the ceiling.

The statement is made that immediately after Easter, Dr. McGlynn will comply with the one condition attached to his return to the Roman Catholic church and visit Rome. He will be accompanied by Dr. Burtwell.

At a meeting of the Women's National Democratic Indian club at New York Mrs. Mary Frost Ormsby was expelled from the presidency of the organization and from its membership. She was charged with the betrayal of trust.

A Columbus, O., dispatch says: Governor McKinley said when asked about the report sent out from Chicago that the subscription to his trustees in his behalf were sufficient to discharge his entire liability in the Walker failure, that he knew nothing about it. He seemed very much annoyed by the publication and was not inclined to be interviewed concerning it.

Harry Kernell, the famous Irish comedian, died in Bloomingdale insane asylum of paralysis. Mr. Kernell was in his 63rd year and leaves a widow and two sons. His wife was better known in theatrical circles as Queenie Vassar.

The Denison (Tex.) compress burned to the ground with about 900 bales of cotton and 20 boxcars. The compress belonged to the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad company. The total loss is about \$150,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Two switch engines on the St. Paul and Duluth road collided near Lakeview, Minn. Six men were injured seriously and Eugene Forgo probably fatally.

A building in the Sprudel strasse, Carlsbad, collapsed while 20 men were repairing it. Fourteen were killed. Seven of the bodies have been taken from the ruins.

W. H. Hall of Gouverneur has been re-appointed by Dairy Commissioner Schrauber as one of three dairy inspectors of New York state.

The Chinese authorities in Kishgar are, it is stated, preparing to seize the portion of the Pamir region occupied by Russia, to which China lays claim. Russia will resist the move.

AT THE STATE CAPITAL

Legislative Transactions in Senate and Assembly.

WEDNESDAY—SENATE.—In the senate today the bill for the purchase of Fire Island was ordered to a third reading. A long list of bills were introduced. Among the bills passed were the following: Mr. Parson's, authorizing the removal of bodies from Mount Hope cemetery. Mr. Parson's, exempting the Rochester Homeopathic hospital from taxation. Mr. Smith's, appropriating \$2500 for enclosing the burial lot of General Herkimer.

Mr. Parker's, authorizing the appointment of a stenographer to the justices of the supreme court, third department.

ASSEMBLY.—The attendance in the Assembly today was good and a large batch of bills were introduced. The following are among those which were passed:

Fishes, appropriating \$5,000 for contingent expenses of the clerk of the Assembly.

Thornton's, providing that all bills for the support of the poor in Newburgh shall be charged to the poor fund.

Estabrook for the claim of the Fort Stanwix Canning Company.

Coggeshall's, relative to police regulations of the town of Vienna.

THURSDAY—SENATE.—The Fire Island purchase bill was brought up in the senate today, and after some opposition was finally passed. The following bills were also passed:

Mr. Cassin's, relative to the collection of taxes in Troy.

Mr. Reed's, granting a rebate in highway taxes for the use of wagon tires of a certain width.

Mr. Woodbury's, providing that the par value of the shares of stock in stock corporations may be increased or decreased by vote of the stockholders.

Mr. Guenther's, relative to the filing of contracts for the conditional sale of personal property.

ASSEMBLY.—The blanket ballot bill was brought up for final passage in the assembly today, and at the end of a discussion which lasted some time was passed by a big majority. Among the other bills passed are the following:

Mr. Parker's, appropriating \$30,000 for a topographical survey of the state in co-operation with the director of the United States geological survey.

Mr. Martin's, amending the code relative to the delivery of books and public records to successors in public office.

MONDAY—SENATE.—Among the many petitions presented in the senate was one presented by members of the W. C. T. U. asking that cider be placed upon the list of intoxicating liquors. It was referred.

ASSEMBLY.—The following bills were passed, after which the senate adjourned: Mr. Almsworth's, legalizing a contract made between the Port Dickinson railway, the Binghamton Street railway and the city of Binghamton.

Mr. McCarty's, relative to the filing of copies of deeds and giving them the same force as the originals in certain cases.

Mr. Smith's, for the erection of a monument and the improvement of the cemetery lot of General Nicholas Herkimer.

JAMES G. BLAINE'S REMAINS.

An Effort Being Made to Remove Them to Maine.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Acting under the terms of a resolution adopted by the legislature of Maine, Governor Cleaves has written to Mrs. James G. Blaine, requesting permission for the state officials to remove the remains of her late husband from Oak Hill cemetery in this city to Augusta.

At the time the resolution was adopted by the legislature it was understood that the people of the state would provide a monument to mark Blaine's final resting place in case the effort to secure the removal of the remains was successful.

Mrs. Blaine returned last night from New York and has not made any reply to the request of the governor.

REV. DR. PEABODY DEAD.

The Great New England Divine Expires at Boston.

BOSTON, March 11.—Rev. Dr. Andrew Peabody, for 32 years connected with the faculty of Harvard college, died yesterday after several weeks illness resulting from a fall.

Dr. Peabody was probably more widely known and loved by graduates of Harvard than any other man connected with that institution and probably better represented the unifying elements of Christianity than any New England clergyman of his generation. His published works are numerous. He was born in Beverly in 1811.

Signed by the Governor.

ALBANY, March 14.—Governor Flower has signed Assemblyman Thornton's bill amending sections 709 and 704 of the code of criminal procedure relative to trials by jury in courts of special sessions.

Justice Jackson Assigned to Duty.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Justice Jackson was yesterday assigned to duty over the circuit over which the late Justice Lamar presided.

Cotton Mills Reduced to Ashes.

EXETER, N. H., March 15.—The Exeter cotton mills were damaged by fire to the amount of \$250,000.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Rev. Father HENRY J. BREGLEY, in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Galveston, Tex.

Colonel CHARLES E. TAYLOR, the oldest and best-known telegrapher of the West, in Frankfort, Ky.

ROBERT HOOPER, for 20 years a writer on field sports and athletics for the New York and Brooklyn newspapers, at the Kings county hospital.

FRANK C. MCCLINTON, for more than 20 years identified with Chicago journalism, in Chicago.

WILLIAM H. HAYWOOD, a letter carrier who had been connected with the general postoffice 29 years, at New York.

The Rev. RICHARD NILES HAYDEN, a well-known New York divine, in that city.

Colonel ORRAT A. TAFT, a well known hotel proprietor, at the Copley Square hotel, in Boston.

FLOOD AND FLAME.

RECORD OF THE DAY'S DISASTERS THROUGHOUT THE LAND.

Great Destruction of Property in Roundout, N. Y., by Floods—Two Men Drowned Near Braddock, Pa.—A \$50,000 Fire at Harrisburg, Pa.—A Locomotive Boiler Explodes With Deadly Effect.

ROUNDOUT, March 14.—The ice gorge in Roundout creek, below Eddyville, gave way about 8:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and let a tremendous amount of water down the creek. The steamboats of the Cornell Steamboat company and about 50 canalboats were swept into the river and driven helpless down the stream. Many of them were badly damaged. The steamers Pittston and Adriatic, valued at \$18,000, were so badly stove in that it is feared they will sink. A number of the canalboats were crushed like eggshells and sank in the creek. Never before has such wholesale damage been done in this stream.

Since Saturday the water above the ice dam has been backing up and Eddyville has been inundated. The rain Saturday night caused the water to rise fully eight feet and thousands of dollars of damage has resulted.

There were 18,000 barrels of cement stored in the Lawrence Cement company's mill valued at \$20,000. These are a total loss. The boats in the river are surrounded by the tightly wedged ice and it will be impossible to reach them for some time.

NO LIVES LOST.

Many people on the boats had narrow escapes, but no loss of life is reported.

It is thought that the loss to the Cornell fleet will be about \$40,000, though no accurate estimate can be made tonight. There is no insurance. Thirty of the canal boats were loaded with ice valued at \$8,000; partially insured.

The loss to the Delaware and Hudson company will exceed \$5,000.

The ferryboat Transport, which made her first trip today, was caught in the flood and is now helpless, being wedged in between many other boats. She had several passengers on board when the flood struck her and considerable excitement prevailed. They managed to escape however by jumping on floating ice and making their way to former ice above. The feat was a daring one.

Only two of the Cornell steamboats had steam up when the flood occurred and these had all they could do to manage themselves.

FLOODS IN THE WEST.

Much Damage Wrought by Overflowing Streams and More Threatened.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Reports from the flooded districts in the Northwest indicate that the weather is generally turning colder which will have the effect of checking the rise in the streams. Throughout the Northwest a snowstorm is raging and in the upper peninsula of Michigan the thermometer has dropped 20 degrees. Snow is falling at many points in Wisconsin.

In Eastern Michigan, however, the thaw continues. At Grand Rapids the river is higher than for 30 years and most of the factories have been obliged to shut down. Reports are received of great damage in the adjacent agricultural districts.

At the Upper Mississippi, too, the ice is running out and much loss has been occasioned at Sioux City, Ia., Hannibal, Mo., and other points where boats have been swept from their moorings, bridges carried away and other damage done.

Low Lands Inundated.

FONDA, N. Y., March 14.—The ice in the Mohawk river from this village west is still intact and the water continues to rise. All the low lands are inundated with several feet of water. The Cayuta creek is exceedingly high and in places the Central railroad's tracks are covered with water.

At Canajoharie and Fort Plain people who live on the low lands have vacated their homes and moved to higher grounds. Tonight Central Hudson passenger trains from the east are being run over the West Shore, in consequence of the tracks being washed out near Schenectady. Unless the ice moves soon, great damage will result to property between this village and Utica. The river is clear of ice east of here to Schenectady.

Locomotive Boiler's Deadly Explosion.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 14.—The boiler of engine No. 320 of the Philadelphia, Reading and New England railroad exploded at St. Elmo, N. Y., 10 miles west of Poughkeepsie bridge. George A. Shufeldt, fireman, of this city and Horace Lambert, brakeman, of Bangor, N. Y., were instantly killed, and Engineer James Flannigan of this city was fatally injured.

Floods Subsiding.

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—The floods in the eastern section of Pennsylvania are abating and no further damage of a serious nature is anticipated. In the mining regions a number of mines have been flooded, throwing probably 4,000 men and boys out of work. It is expected that mining will be resumed in a few days.

Two Men Drowned.

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., March 14.—John Joyce of Braddock, Pa., and John Maroney of Pine Station, this county, were drowned in the river a short distance east of this city yesterday. They were telegraph linemen. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

Has Done Its Worst.

IONIA, Mich., March 14.—It is now believed that the water has reached its highest point at this place. Forty families have been driven out of their homes on the flats. Trains are now making regular time, though with much difficulty.

Incendiary Suspected.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 14.—The buildings of the Black Hawk Coal Mine company were destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. Loss will probably reach \$50,000. It is believed the fire was the work of incendiaries.

An Aged Man Suicides.

UTICA, N. Y., March 14.—John D. Marvin committed suicide at Norwich yesterday by tying a sheet around his neck so as to cause strangulation. It was his third attempt at suicide. He was 73 years old.

The Danger Averted.

WILMINGTON, Del., March 14.—All danger from a flood at Port Deposit, Md., is now averted. The water is receding from the streets and the people are going back to their homes.

BOSTON'S BIG BLAZE.

SEVERAL LIVES LOST AND MANY PERSONS INJURED.

An Entire Square Burned Over—Two Dead Bodies at the Hospital—Over 30 Persons Injured—The Loss Will Reach Over \$4,500,000—Origin of the Fire Unknown.

BOSTON, March 11.—One of the most disastrous fires in the history of Boston, next in magnitude to the famous one of Thanksgiving day, 1880, and in the same district broke out shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and before it was placed under control, three hours later, had burned over more than a square, had reduced to ashes several of the magnificent new buildings recently completed on the territory burned over three and a half years ago, had consumed property valued by a conservative estimate at \$4,500,000, had been attended by scenes of panic and distress never before equalled in the memory of citizens now living, and had destroyed several, perhaps many, human lives, and mangled or maimed at least 30 persons, some of whom will die of their injuries.

THE ORIGIN UNKNOWN.

At 4:25 o'clock the alarm was rung in from box 52. It was soon followed by a second and then a general alarm. The flames broke out in the toy department of Horace Partridge & Co., who occupied the fifth and sixth floors of the 7-story building corner of Essex and Lincoln streets, owned by F. L. Ames. The cause is at present unknown, but the most probable cause, ascribed by those nearest it as resembling the bursting of a firecracker. The flames spread with incredible rapidity, and in a very few moments the entire interior of the building was burning. There were many employees of the Partridge company at work at the time, and the other floors of the building were sprinkled with human beings. The usual avenues of escape were at once cut off and then began a scramble for life which sickened beholders.

INMATES PANIC-STRICKEN.

The panic-stricken inmates fled to roof and windows. Some escaped by shinning down telegraph poles, others by leaping into blankets and nets. Several jumped to the pavement, six or eight stories below, and were terribly mangled and others—how many, cannot now be told—fell back into the cauldron of flames or were overcome by the dense black smoke, which suffocated all who did not speedily escape.

The entire fire department of the city was speedily on the scene, the departments of Somerville, Cambridge, Newton, Quincy and Brockton arrived later by train and aid was requested to be in readiness from more distant cities.

SOME FEARFUL SIGHTS.

The Story as Told by Eyewitnesses of the Scene.

George M. McAllar, bookkeeper at the burned out store of Horace Partridge & Co., says: "I was standing at my desk balancing the day's accounts when suddenly I was startled by the cry of fire in the building. I had scarcely recovered from my surprise when the engines arrived. My first impulse was to seize the books and calling two of the clerks standing near me I got the most valuable documents safely. As near as I can recall five minutes elapsed between the cry of 'fire' and the arrival of the engines, yet in that time the whole building seemed to be in one seething mass of flames. In the rush from the building many employees were knocked down and trampled upon.

PITIFUL APPEALS.

"The pitiful appeals of the young girls mingled with the shouts of the men, as they strove to pilot them to a place of safety, was one of the most exciting incidents in my life. I hope never to go through such a one again. I have no doubt that many of the firm's employees who were on the fifth and sixth floors of the building have met with serious injuries if some of them are not now dead."

There were about 30 clerks employed by the company.

William S. Rumrill of Dean, Chase & Co. says:

"I first saw a man with his hair literally singed off his head, rushing up the street to the nearest fire alarm box. I rushed to the door and saw a spectacle that appalled me. A torrent of flames was pouring out of the windows in the center front on the second floor of the Ames building. The people inside were throwing books out of the windows and men and boys from the stores were picking them up. Very soon upon the parapet, high above the street, I saw four men and one woman clinging to the stonework.

"There was no such thing as getting a ladder up to them owing to the network of wires.

"That is the worst corner for wires in the city of Boston and the whole street is in peril from them. We watched the five as they clung for a few minutes only while the crowd in the street stood in breathless silence. Then the five one after another jumped off. Down they came a height of fully six stories and struck solidly on the frozen ground. Oh, it was horrible. You should have heard the groan that went up from that throng in the street. Every one of the five were unconscious when reached and all were terribly injured. There could hardly be a whole bone in their bodies. I saw two of them rushed by on a shutter."

A HAIRBREADTH ESCAPE.

When the fire in the Brown-Durrell building was at its height the form of a man, who subsequently proved to be District Chief Eagan of East Boston, was seen at the 8th-story window. He boldly seized one of the large insulated cables which contain a large number of electric wires and proceeded to cross to the opposite building hand over hand. He had gone but a few feet when it became apparent that he could not last long and greatly to the relief of the crowd he threw both legs over the half-inch cable, which slightly sagged, and slowly and tediously made his way toward the building 119 Kingston street, to which the cable ran. A squad of men ran up on the building and slowly lowered the cable to which Eagan was hanging. At the same time hook and ladder No. 14 erected a ladder to meet the slowly-descending man. The cable was payed out slowly and the exhausted man was lowered into the arms of his comrades.

Death of ex-United States Treasurer Hyatt.

NORWALK, Conn., March 13.—Ex-United States Treasurer James William Hyatt died of a complication of Bright's disease, gout and other diseases at his residence on West avenue shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after a very long and painful illness of six weeks. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon.

Murderer Delcaro Suicide.

MARSHALL, Mich., March 15.—The crazy Sarafino Delcaro, who shot two men last week on a train between Chicago and this place, strangled himself in jail here, after trying desperately to open his veins and put his throat.

THE PANAMA DEAL.

Some Sensational Facts Brought to Light in the Evidence.

PARIS, March 9.—The assize courtroom and the approaching to the palais de justice were crowded yesterday morning, the occasion being the opening of the trial of ex-Minister and Deputy Antonin Proust, Deputy Dugue de la Fauconnerie, Senator Beral, ex-Minister Balthaz, and M. Sans-Leroy on charges of corruption in connection with the Panama lottery bonds bill.

Charles De Lesseps was the first witness examined. He gave his testimony in a straightforward way, which made a good impression.

On Thursday Presiding Judge Des Jardins interrogated M. Marius Fontane, after which M. Balthaz took the stand. He seemed disposed at first to throw the blame upon M. Balthaz, but finally broke down and admitted his guilt.

M. Sans-Leroy, Senator Beral and Deputies Dugue de la Fauconnerie and Antonin Proust and ex-Deputy Gobron were also examined.

Friday, M. Chantagrel, M. Stephane, clerk for M. Propper, M. Deschamps, M. Clemenceau and M. Defreyne were examined. M. Flouquet and Charles De Lesseps made contradictory statements and both spoke at once. The crowd became boisterous and the courtroom had to be cleared.

On Saturday, Mme. Cottu created a sensation by stating that her husband's release had been offered to her in exchange for papers which compromised certain members of the ministry. M. Bourgeois, minister of justice, resigned his office.

Monday's testimony furnished another sensation. Several witnesses were called, but nothing of importance came out until M. Bourgeois, late minister of justice, took the stand. He spoke with energy and repudiated the imputations made against him by Mme. Cottu on Saturday. Charles De Lesseps here arose and confronted M. Bourgeois and folding his arms said: "M. Bourgeois attacked me a little while ago—Well, monsieur, here I am face to face with you; what have you to say?"

A terrific uproar followed this and the hearing had to be suspended to allay the excitement.

Another sensation and a general uproar was caused on Tuesday by M. Deroulade making a speech in which he referred to France as a government of liars. He was finally induced to withdraw the remark.

FINISHED ITS WORK.

Chairmen of Senate Committees as Adopted by the Caucus.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The Democratic caucus has completed its work by adopting the committee report making assignments of chairmanship and majority representation on senate committees. The matter of reorganizing the executive offices was discussed, but no action was taken pending a report from the committee. So far this caucus committee has not discussed this phase of the situation and another caucus will be called later to consider a further report.

The composition of the majority of the finance committee is as follows: Voorhees, chairman; McPherson, Vance, Harris, Vest, and Jones of Arkansas.

The chairmen of the other majority committees are: Agriculture, George; appropriations, Cockrell; claims, Pasco; commerce, Ransom; District of Columbia, Harris; immigration, Hill; foreign relations, Morgan; Indian affairs, Jones (Ark.); interstate commerce, Butler; judiciary, Pugh; military affairs, Wallahall; mines and mining, Stewart; naval, McPherson; patents, Gray; pensions, Egan; postoffice, Colquitt; printing, Gorman; privileges and elections, Vance; public buildings, Vest; public lands, Berry; railroads, Camden; relations with Canada, Murphy; rules, Blackburn; territories, Faulkner; Pacific railroads, Perry; Indian depredations, Lindsay; quadricentennial, Vilas; contingent expenses, White; census, Turpie; civil service, Call; coast defenses, Gordon; education and labor, Kyle; enrolled bills, Caffery; examination branches of civil service, Peffer; fisheries, Coke; improvement of Mississippi river, Bates; irrigation, White; library, Mills; manufactures, Gibson; expenditures in executive departments, Smith; revision of laws, Daniel; transportation to the seaboard, Irb; to establish university of the United States, Hutton; to investigate geological survey, Martin; on national banks, Mitchell of Wisconsin; forestry reservations, Allen of Nebraska; to investigate trespass upon Indian lands, Roach.

Dr. McGlynn Involved.

NEW YORK, March 15.—John Vaughan Morrill, William Bispham and Hermann H. Cammann, executors of the will of Charles William Morrill, have begun a suit in the supreme court for a partition of New York city property, including the southeast corner of Grand and Allen streets, now leased to Edward Bidley & Sons. One of the many defendants named in the action is Dr. Edward McGlynn, as executor of Mary Caroline Marx.

Mrs. Howard Still Missing.

NORWALK, Conn., March 15.—Mrs. Annie Howard disappeared from her home Monday, and although her absence was almost immediately noted and search made, nothing has since been heard from her by her family. Since the death of her 7-year-old boy, about three months ago, she has been slightly demented, and it is feared she fell or jumped into the river.

Curious Clerical Error.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—During the last session of congress \$37,000 was appropriated to pay employees of the bureau of engraving and printing, and to meet incidental expenses during the present fiscal year. It has just been discovered that the engrossed bill signed by the president only carried the sum of \$37. The clerical error cannot be rectified until congress again convenes.

Colombian Minister Dead.

VALPARAISO, March 15.—The Colombian minister to Chili died at the legation in Santiago on Monday. The Chilean government intend to give him a public funeral. The steamer Silvertown has sailed from Valparaiso for Chorillo to begin to lay the new cable for the Central and South American Cable company.

Several Employees Injured.

PATERSON, N. J., March 15.—