WRECKED THE TOWN

FRIGHTFUL RESULT OF A PREMATURE EXPLOSION.

Five Persons Instantly Killed and Terribly Mangled—Several Injured, Some Fatally—Dynamite Used In Blasting a Well — Thirty Persons Injured In a Wreck on the Wabash Railroad.

EMINGTON, Ills., Oct. 17.—The entire business portion of Emington was wrecked by a premature explosion of dynamite. Five persons were killed and five injured, of whom two cannot live. The killed are:

James Cornwell, Dwight, ff the employ of Eyer Bros.

Chris Eyer, of the firm of Eyer Bros., professional welldiggers, of Dwight, Ills.

Fred Eyer, Olney, cousin of Eyer brothers.

—— Eyer, Olney, also a cousin.

S. E. Fowler, Emington, a spectator.

Others received bruises by the shock, but these are the only ones seriously injured.

Two Wyllies were digging a well and to further their work they filled a gas pipe 20ft. long and 12in. in diameter with dynamite and were tapping it when it exploded, throwing the men and landing them over 50 feet from the spot where they were working.

The Eyers and Cornwell were mangled in such a manner that identification was impossible.

Every window light in town was shattered by the shock and stores and residences near the scene were considerably injured. The dead were taken into Neuhoff Bros.' undertaking establishment where an inquest was held.

OVER AN EMBANKMENT.

Thirty People Injured In a Wabash Railroad Accident.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 17.—The westbound Chicago limited train on the Wabash railroad left the track a mile south of Nameoka, Ills., resulting in the injury of some 30 people.

The train was going 40 miles an hour when there was a sudden jar, followed by the slowing of the train. The rails had spread behind the locomotive and the cars following went over a six foot embankment.

The buffet car behind the baggage car swung across the track and the gas tank exploded, setting fire to the first chair car and the buffet car, which were consumed.

A special train from St. Louis with physicians and nurses arrived and brought the injured to this city.

A POLICEMAN'S BRUTAL CRIME.

Facts Divulged by a Dying Girl Almost Precipitate a Lynching.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Oct. 18.—A most brutal murder has created a sensation in this city. Melinda A. Cook, a 16-year-old girl, residing at Eddyville, near here, died from what transpires to have been a criminal operation.

When the young girl was told by the physicians who had been called to attend her, that she must die, she made and swore to a statement charging N. E. Barton of Bloomfield, Ia., of having accomplished her ruin and Ed Walton, a policeman of Ottumwa, had performed an operation on her for which he received the sum of $60.

Walton is a well known officer on the Ottumwa force and the marshal, who immediately started from Eddyville in search of those implicated by the girl's confession, had no trouble in placing Barton and his ally under arrest.

Then Barton, through the agency of friendly officers, induced the marshal to let him go, one of the officers guaranteeing his appearance.

Barton then drew $1,100 which he had in a bank and fled.

Walton was taken to Eddyville, but such a crowd gathered and so many threats of lynching were made that the marshal and his assistants were forced to bring him to this city where he is now in jail. He denies all knowledge of the affair.

Depletion of the Gold Reserve.

WASHINTON, Oct. 18.—Conrad P. Jordan, assistant treasurer at New York, was at the treasury department in conference Secretary Carlisle and Assistant Treasurer Meline. The continued depletion of the gold reserve, which has run down to $84,500,000, was discussed and measures will be taken to build it up. It is noted as rather significant that as no gold is being exported the treasury should have lost within the present month $10,000,000 in gold and that eastern banks should have increased their holdings by almost an identical amount.

Large Iron Company Fails.

CHESTER, Pa., Oct. 18.—The Wellman Iron and Steel company of this place has failed. A judgment for $64,000 was entered up by the Delaware County National bank of this city, execution was issued and the sheriff has taken possession. The suit was brought on three notes aggregating with Richard Peters, Jr., Samuel T. Wellman and John P. Crozier, all officers of the company, as indorsers. The concern was capitalized at $1,000,000 and has over $1,500,000 invested in its plant alone, giving employment to 1,200 men.

Reading's Collateral Sale Postponed.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18.—The Reading receivers have announced that the negotiations with the Speyer indicate had resulted in an indefinite postponement of the sale of the Reading collateral which was announced to take place at New York today. President and Receiver Joseph S. Harris was in New York in consultation with the Speyer interests.

Bank Cashier Indicted.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 18.—The grand jury of Cedar county has indicted Cashier Brashear of the Jerrico bank which recently failed, for receiving money when the bank was insolvent.

A Shoe Dealer Goes Under.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—John M. Adler, dealer in shoes, has assigned. Liabilities, between $40,000 and $50,000; nominal assets, about the same.

Rockland Republicans.

NYACK, N. Y., Oct. 18.—The Republicans of Rockland county nominated Otis H. Cutler, nephew of ex-Senator Frye, for the assembly.

Republicans at Plattsburg.

PLATTSBURG, N.Y., Oct. 18.—The Republican county convention nominated Everett C. Bailey of Plattsburg for member of assembly.

GLASS OF FASHION.

LATEST DESIGNS IN DRESS FOR WOMEN.

A Pretty Marguerite Gown Sketch in Pen and Ink—An Afternoon Toilette—Mrs. John W. Mackay's Jewels—Notes of the Modes.

Mrs. Mackay's Jewels.

Mrs Mackay, the wife of the Silver King has a very fine collection of precious stones, which are kept in cases of remarkable beauty. One of these, two feet square, is of solid silver, and holds the ornaments she wears and keeps for ordinary use. The other is of gold and three-quarters of a foot square. The top is entirely incrusted and thickly studded with precious stones, some of which are over a carat in weight. This gold box is tufted with royal purple velvet. There are three trays which are fastened in with a patent spring, of which Mrs. Mackay alone holds the secret. When the tiny gold key is turned to open the box an alarm is started from a small alarm clock fitted into the inside, and thus every precaution is taken to guard the enormous valde of the contents. When the Princess Colonna, Mrs. Mackay's daughter, was married she received from her mother a jewel case exactly like the one described above.

A Dressy Costume.

It is now quite the fashion to make up the pretty semi-diaphanous muslins and French lawns over light foundations of batiste or satee. These look very dressy, especially if an artistic needlewoman has a hand in their making, and if the hat be trimmed to match the gown. Pink, yellow and pale blue India muslins with tiny flowers scattered over their surfaces, are made up over foundations of silk-looking batistes of plain pink, blue or yellow, and black velvet ribbon bows and quantities of ecru guipure lace are the most popular decorations.

White Silk Blouse.

A white silk blouse was made of a straight breadth of the silk, using the width for the length of the blouse, from throat to waist line. The upper edge was pinked, and just below the pinking a shirr was run on the outer side for a drawing string. The lower edge was hemmed and a drawing string run through the hem. Armholes were cut in the breadth and full shirt sleeves set in. The bottoms of these sleeves were pinked, like the upper edge of the blouse, and drawn to the wrists, as the former to the throat, by white baby ribbon that tied in many looped bows. This blouse was worn by a young girl, was quite low at the throat, and was closed at the back, but another of dotted Swiss, worn with a skirt of the same, by a young woman, was closed in front, and a prettier height at the throat, the ruffle just shadowing the nape of the neck. Instead of the pinking, the throat and wrists were finished with fine white lace, and the drawing ribbon was violet. The blouse was drawn to fit the waist, the skirt placed over it, and a violet silk belt was fastened by a fancy safety pin of silver.

Yellow Trimmings.

Spanish yellow velvet ribbon is a fashionable trimming for cream-tinted nuns veilings, crepons, clairettes and other sheer wool fabrics for young ladies wear. Some pretty bridesmaids' dresses recently worn were of cream-white crepon so trimmed and supplemented by Empire sashes of liberty silk, soft and flexible in quality and uncommonly wide, that were laid in light folds around the waist and knotted at the left side with falling ends like the orientals. When the waist is slender and the style appropriate this fashion is a graceful one. In adopting the yellow garnitures the temptation to multiply them must be guarded against. Touches of the color are sufficient for good effect; more tends to vulgarity; slight variations of shade also making all the great difference between the becoming and the unbecoming.

A Marguerite Gown.

Some Late Bonnets.

The newest bonnets are new in a sense of freshness, but not as marked novelties. They still appear as princess, capote, fish-wife, poke and toque shapes, and are made of crepe, lace, or exquisitely wrought Indian tissues, with lace garniture and iridescent bead gimps and crowns to match. These bonnets present foreign "dress" styles, the delicate rush bonnets and lace braids being relegated to a secondary, though still very fashionable place. The predilection for gold millinery—crowns, edgings, galloons, ornaments, etc.—arises from the marked partiality of the Duchess of York for it. A lovely bonnet of cream-white tulle, with a Persian pearl dotted crown of gold and pale green passementerie, has an aigrette of golden thistles and dahlias with velvety brown hearts set into a plaiting of airy lace, that gives the finishing touch to one of the prettiest bonnets for a rosy blonde that ever left the hands of a Parisiennes milliner.

Wool Fabrics.

Besides the linen duck, piques and similar fashionable materials, the many sheer wool fabrics used for tailor costumes are uncommonly elegant in tone and texture this season, and if artistically cut, which is essential, they are the perfection of summer wear. Emphasis must be given by repetition to what has been said before, that there is no summer street gown in which a woman looks better dressed than a tailor costume of this description—plain, satin-striped, silk-dotted, barred, bordered, or whatever style best suits her individually—adding grace to a rounded form and roundness to a slender one, as many dressy and effective additions in the way of bretelles, revers, shoulder capes, sleeve puffs, etc., are now made to the bodices of these gowns, which at first were too severe and unadorned to prove becoming to all figures.

An Afternoon Toilette.

White Braids.

Some of the most effective cotton gowns owe much to the use of white braid. This is employed in various widths and put on in a wonderful variety of ways. A blue and white striped cotton had a wide band of the stripes around the skirt some distance from the foot. The stripes, which were narrow and alternating, ran up and down in the skirt and horizontally in the band. Three rows of narrow white braid, stitched close together, zigzagged the band from edge to edge. The belt and the bodice trimmings were made in the same way.

Simple and Dainty.

Simple and dainty costumes are arranged by draping a white waist with colored bretelles like the skirt, as a skirt of green and white, and bretelles of the same running over a white shirt waist. The bretelles were wide at the shoulder, falling far down over the arm, and were scalloped in white to correspond with a scalloped band near the foot of the skirt. Other suits are made of organdy or chambray in solid pink, blue or buff, with plain skirts and tiny, sleeveless jackets over white waists; one buff lawn was scalloped in scarlet and the white blouse was embroidered to match.

Seen at a Garden Fete.

A white robe nainsook had the black embroidery used as a wide flounce, and as surplice folds, bretelles and cuffs. The bodice had the long shoulder seams, and a turn-down linen collar, with chemisettes, was worn. The wearer, a languid, graceful woman, was clinging to her husband's arm at an afternoon garden fete. Her black hair was dressed low under a black lace hat, and a black lace scarf was gathered carelessly across one arm, falling beneath the other to the foot of the dress.

Notes of the Modes.

Dainty and most becoming dresses both for day and evening wear, are of tambourred organdies and flowered Swiss muslins.

Pretty clusters of horse-chestnut blossoms appear upon ecru-colored straw hats of "nutmeg" braid, trimmed with russet-brown velvet ribbon.

The dress parasols of the season are like small tents, and although in most cases made of tulle, lace or net, their large size and ugly handles augment the utilities rather than the ornaments of dress.

A collarette that is coming forward in cotton gowns, and will be repeated in wool later on, is a three-quarter circle, shaped to fit smoothly around the shoulders, and folded to points in front. It is effective in the stiff linen and in the heavy cotton goods.

Cambric gowns should have the waist lining made of the same material as the outside, when lined at all. The reason will be manifest if a break or tear ocurs. This is particularly desirable for little girls' summer dresses, which are liable to all sorts of accidents.

A pretty apron of white Swiss, instead of having one broad ribbon drawn through the top hem as a belt, had five rows of stitching and through the six cases so formed "baby" ribbon was drawn. The rows passed around the waist and fastened beneath a big, fluffy rosette on the left side. Another rosette trimmed the little shirred pocket.

The wholesale milliners are getting their autumn stocks in readiness for inspection by "the trade." Among the new felt hats are sailors of broad brim and low crown. Cream-tan and other pretty brown shades are noted, bound and banded with brown, generally in darker tint than the hat. Alpines of hideous hues are in store. Straw sailors are being banded about the high crowns by rows of velvet, baby ribbon, or narrow folds of velvet, each row or fold meeting at one side in a very small bow. A noticeable black turban is coiled round with a thick rope of black and green chenille.

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DIVERS AND SUNDRY.

Such is the depression in Sydney, Australia, it is said, that homes have been established for servant girls out of employment.

Six Chinese laundrymen of Boston have furnished their washtubs and leased a farm in Revere, where they will raise "garden sass" for the Boston market.

The people of Maine contend that the Kennebec pours into the sea a greater volume of water than any other river on the Atlantic or Gulf coast, from the St. John to the Mississippi.

A New Jersey chemist has discovered an elixir, which, he asserts, will enable a man, taking small doses of it and nothing else in the way of food, to perform heavy labor through long periods of time.

A Douglas county, Oregon, man a short time ago charged a neighbor with stealing a hog valued at $5. The prosecutor cost the county $600, of which the loser of the hog got $150 in witness fees and mileage. The accused went free.

The thrifty peasants of Polava, Russia, have shown themselves smart enough to take advantage even of a pest. Recently their fields were invaded by swarms of Spanish flies, which they captured and found ready market for at the druggists at $1 a pound.

Experiments with a bicycle fitted out with a small chemical tank and fire nozzle are being made by a South Boston fire company. The bicycle has eighteen tires and with its whole outfit weighs about sixty pounds. The tank holds about two gallons of chemical, which amounts to an extinguisher to about twelve pails of water.

Col. H. G. Prout, editor of the Railroad Gazette, in a lecture before the association of civil engineers of Cornell university, estimated that the annual loss from railroad accidents in the United States, due to the destruction of railroad property and the compensation for deaths and injuries, and leaving out entirely destruction of merchandise, reaches over $18,000,000.

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