

FOR THE BUSY READER.

Pointed Items Chronicling the Week's Happenings.

PRESS DISPATCHES BOILED DOWN

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

Migrator Kudlich in the Yorkville police court, New York, discharged the two Fitzgerald boys held in connection with the murder of Professor Max Eggen.

In the recent government loan, the largest bid from a woman was from Mrs. Cora T. White of Boston, who purchased \$500,000 worth of bonds at 111.83. The total subscription from women was \$1,102,850.

The old board of office of the American Tobacco company were re-elected at a meeting of the directors.

The life suspension of Titus and Cabeau has been reconsidered by the National League of American Wheelmen and the racing board requested to reduce it one year. The convention adjourned sine die.

The Exchange bank of David Wilson & Co. of Elkinsburg, Ky., has assigned. The estimated liabilities are \$70,000, with assets of over \$100,000. Slow collections is the cause of the assignment.

Joseph F. Donoghue, the skater, convicted on his own plea of guilty of assault in the third degree at Newburgh, N. Y., paid a fine of \$20. Donoghue assaulted his cousin George Donoghue, in September last.

Miss Ward, an American, has been robbed of valuable jewels at the Grand Hotel at Monte Carlo.

Governor Morton had signed chapter 17—Senator Raines' bill—authorizing the board of trustees of the Clifton springs sanitarian to issue bonds to complete their sanitarian.

James McDougall & Co. of Montreal wholesale clothiers, are in financial difficulties. Their liabilities will aggregate \$78,000; estimated assets, \$46,000.

In the British house of commons Sir Matthew White Ridley, secretary of state for the home department, replying to Timothy Harrington and Michael Davitt, said that he had carefully considered the case of the Irish prisoners and had decided that he could not grant them amnesty.

At Coronado Beach, Cal., H. H. McCrea broke the mile world's bicyclic record, standing start, paced by two quads, time, 1:40.5.

The British and Foreign Arbitration association has delegated one of its vice presidents to visit the United States in order to obtain a report for a report to the association upon the Venezuela boundary dispute and its outcome.

An open competitive examination for the position of bank examiner will be held at Albany, Feb. 27. The examination will be technical and relate wholly to the duties of the position, and to the law governing banks and banking.

William Young of Fort Hunter, N. Y., was convicted of murder in the first degree for killing his wife on Dec. 14.

Charles McDerby, 24 years old, in jail at Hudson, N. Y., under indictment for the murder of Caroline Proctor, in Galstan township, last November, was found dead in his cell. During the past week he became demented, barking over his trouble. He was found naked on the floor of his cell with a window open to let in the cold. Death, it is stated, was caused by pneumonia.

Guy Richards and Thomas Reath of the Valley regatta committee inspected Saratoga lake as to its advantages for inter-collegiate regatta June 20. No decision has yet been made.

The French power building at Buffalo was destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$50,000. Origin of the fire unknown.

The restaurant of A. W. Bennett & Co., New York city, was entered by burglars and five safes were broken into. About \$1,000 in cash was taken.

At St. Louis Barbara Kosel, a pretty German girl, about 10 years old, shot and killed John Kohlberg, her lover, and then, with the same weapon, a cheap revolver of 22 calibre, fired a bullet into her own brain, dying instantly.

The strike of the New York Painters' union, which was ordered by the executive board of the union, has commenced. It is for higher wages and affects 3,000 men in that city and Brooklyn.

A fire broke out on the fourth floor of the 5-story brick building, 69 South street, Boston. The building is occupied by several feather firms. Loss \$40,000.

The schoolgirl Maggie Sullivan arrived in Boston and reported the overrunning steamer Galilee with the disabled, Oceania in tow 30 miles off Boston light.

Secretary Carlisle has written to some of his friends in the Kentucky legislature a letter on the pending senatorial contest in that body. Its contents will not be made public except through the parties to whom it was written.

Miss Sophie Saxe, aged 16 years, daughter of the late Charles Gordon Saxe, has died at the residence of her uncle at Albany of typhoid fever. Deceased was a granddaughter of the late poet, John Godfrey Saxe.

Kx-Senator George A. Owens of Brooklyn has been appointed deputy state inspector of gas meters at a salary of \$1,500.

At the Corning (N. Y.) Democratic city convention these unanimous nominations were made: For mayor, George N. Lane; Justice of peace, George Hitchcock.

The officials of the foreign office confirm the newspaper reports saying that a detachment of British marines, among others, have been landed at Chemulpo and sent to Seoul, capital of Korea, in order to protect the British legation there.

In response to the letter addressed to him by Timothy Healy, Thomas Sexton has finally refused to accept the leadership of the Irish party, notwithstanding Mr. Healy's earnest appeal to him to do so and his promise of the hearty support of the Healyites.

The president sent to the house, in answer to a resolution of inquiry, all the correspondence had with the government of Germany relative to the restrictions placed upon American insurance companies in Prussia.

The death of William G. Brookway of New York, 72, was announced with countermanding news that he had been ill for 10 years.

COAL MINE DISASTER.

Gas Explodes in the Vulcan Mine in Colorado and Half a Hundred Men Were Probably Perished. Work of Rescue Commenced.

NEW CASTLE, Colo., Feb. 19.—An explosion has occurred at the Vulcan mine, which is the most disastrous ever known in the history of this camp and today dozens of homes in the little city are destroyed.

All business is practically suspended and everyone is dazed at the awfulness of the sudden disaster. No warning was given the peaceful villagers until a sad report as from a hundred cannon resounded throughout the valley.

No reliable information as to the exact number of men who were in the mine at the time can be had at this writing, but they are estimated all the way from 50 to 50 or 60.

A strong of people was soon at the scene of the disaster, a distance of nearly two miles from New Castle. A gloom was enough to dissipate any hope for the lives of the entombed men. The force of the explosion had caused a cave-in and the tunnel and air-creases were filled with the fallen rock, earth and timber.

Both fan houses were wrecked and the slope and vicinity were so full of debris, and the gas was so bad that it was hard and dangerous work to begin the rescue. Nevertheless, willing hands were soon at work, and five men went down as far as possible to ascertain the condition of the slope and found it such that it will require much work to reach the spot occupied by the laborers.

The gas was so bad that after the party had gone 200 feet they were compelled to retrace. The party consisted of Superintendent Horrick of the Vulcan and John Evans, William Rees, Sam Hills and Robert Templeman from the Consolidated mine. The last named mine shut down immediately on hearing the disaster and sent their entire force of 160 men to help the unfortunate ones. The construction of a temporary fan house was commenced at once, and the work of pumping fresh air into the mine was begun.

It is hardly possible that any of the miners are still alive, but the starting of the fans will be made as soon as possible in the hope that if any have survived they may be kept alive till help reaches them. The only man who got out of the mines at the time of the explosion was Edward Welsh, who was near the mouth of the tunnel and blown out, his skull fractured, arm broken, face badly cut and burned, and all the hair burned from his head. He was breathing when found, but expired shortly afterward without showing consciousness.

BANKER SHOT DOWN.

J. A. Strathy of Barrie, Ont., killed by a Farm Hand.

BARRE, Feb. 19.—J. A. Strathy, manager of the Bank of Commerce in this town for the last 10 years, was shot and fatally wounded by Michael Brennan, who called at his house and upon Strathy's appearance drew a revolver and shot him.

Strathy was one of the most popular and well-known bankers in the province. Brennan, who is a farm laborer, came to the residence and requested to see Mr. Strathy. Upon his appearance in the parlor, Brennan, without a moment's warning, drew a revolver and fired. The report alarmed the household, and though medical aid was at once summoned Strathy lived only half an hour.

The murderer walked coolly down the street and gave himself up to the chief of police. Asked as to his motive he would say nothing but "It was me who did it."

He was at one taken into custody, but was only by force that he was made to surrender the weapon, which was a calibre British bulldog.

Clara Barton's Mission Successful.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Full success has attended the efforts of Miss Clara Barton to prepare the way for the distribution of arms among the sufferers in Armenia. United States Minister Torrell of Pera, Turkey, cables Secretary Olney that he presented Miss Barton at the subline post and received renewed assurances of his protection and aid for her agents in the interior of Turkey, while Miss Barton's headquarters will be established at Pera, the diplomatic suburb of Constantinople. Mr. Torrell, who has labored hard with the Turkish government to secure these privileges for Miss Barton, has cablegrammed in these words: "The door is thus opened wide for charity."

Defaulter Commits Suicide.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 19.—Charles S. Nazworthy, assignee of the American Lounge company, was removed from his trust by Judge Brown of the circuit court. He was cited to appear and produce his reports before noon. He disregarded the citation, and a warrant was issued for him. The sheriff's deputy found that he had fled. He had about \$800 of the lounge company's money. It is alleged that Nazworthy is also short in his accounts as deputy county prosecutor. Later in the day Nazworthy was found in his room at 131 North Meridian street, suffering from a fatal wound, self-inflicted, with a pistol.

Vaughn Guilty of Manslaughter.

ALBANY, Feb. 19.—The jury in the case of James Vaughn, accused of killing his brother-in-law, William Watson, in Cohoes in December, last, rendered a verdict of manslaughter in the second degree with a recommendation for mercy. The penalty is 15 years in prison or \$1,000 fine or both. A stay of judgement has been applied for.

Tobacco Factory Burned.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 19.—A special from Rockport, Ind., says: "The tobacco factory in this city, owned by A. C. Tompkins & Co., has burned. The building contained 700,000 pounds of tobacco. Total loss, \$60,000; insurance, \$30,000."

Mistake Carbolic Acid For Syrup.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Clifford Button, a Waits Flats farmer, mistook a bottle of carbolic acid for cough syrup and took a dose sufficient to cause his death.

Prussian Officer of Some Dead.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Professor O. C. Harrington died here, aged 48. He had been superintendent of public schools here for 10 years.

Elections at Weddington.

WEDDINGTON, N. Y., Feb. 19.—W. S. Carson, chief of the Jamestown fire department, and one of the oldest merchants in the co., has assigned to E. J. Lovejoy, his son, \$16,000, assets as forced sale, half that sum.

Buffalo May Market.

WEDDINGTON, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The Republicans elected their full ticket by the small majority. There were 664 votes.

WORKING GIRLS KILLED.

Fatal Flames in a Factory at Troy, N. Y.

FORCED TO LEAP OR BE BURNED.

Three Dead, Four Missing and Probably Dead and a Large Number Bruised, Burned or Maimed—Heroic Work of Firemen and Police.

THROGHTON, N. Y., Feb. 18.—A small boy carelessly throwing a match into a pile of oily rags, a blazing mass of flames, 300 girls and women frenzied with fright fighting for life as the hot flames chased them with hungry tongues, was the beginning of a fire last night that consumed thousands of dollars' worth of property and caused the destruction of many lives.

It was just 30 minutes before closing hours in Stettiner & Co.'s shirt waist factory on River street, and the 350 girls and women were working rapidly to finish up. In the cutting room on the fifth floor, the 150 girls were closing up their day's assignments and preparing to leave when the whistle blew.

Lillie Krieger, who was working near a machine called to a small bay to light the gas over her work. The boy struck a match and threw the burning stub to the floor. It struck a pile of oily rags and instant the girl was enveloped in flames. With her clothes and hair burning she rushed to the window and in an instant the room became a struggling mass of humanity, filling the windows, the fire escapes and the only stairway.

Jeaming and pushing, tearing each other's clothes from their backs, running in narrow corridors to find a sister or mother or friend, the number in the exits augmented every minute by those from the other floors, these girls and women fought for their lives to get away from the fiery flames that seemed to grow to monstrous size.

With rare presence of mind, Policeman Farrell, who was on the street, seeing that the panic a number were liable to jump, lit down the awning over the entrance. Barely was it done when two or three forms came flying down from the fifth and sixth stories and bouncing from the ledges, one after another, falling to the sidewalk.

Lillie Krieger, over whose machine the fire started, was one of these. She struck the awning, fell on her back and bounded to her hands and knees on the walk. She got up and staggered about until people helped her to her feet again.

By this time nearly every window had a female form dangling from it, and when the firemen arrived there was a haste to get the ladders up. At the center window on the sixth floor, a woman hanging by her hands, was forced out by the firemen's licking her face. With a last shriek she let go and came tumbling over and over until she struck the pavement. When picked up it was found that she was Mrs. Krieger. Her spinal column was forced through into her brain.

Just below her in another window hung a woman, turning appealing glances to the crowd. The black smoke was pouring from the window, but as yet no flames were visible and the crowd yelled encouragingly to her to hold on, but a higher red flame reached out just then and licked her face, and in an instant her body was rebounding from the pavement. She was Mrs. Foley, a widow, and when picked up was dead.

On the same floor, hanging in another window, was a woman who was a victim in the shape of a ladder which had collapsed within her grasp when her strength failed, and she went whirling down, to death. She was Mrs. Kane.

The firemen and police worked like heroes and to their energy was due great saving of life. At least a dozen women in various stages of惊恐 were carried down the ladders or dragged out of the windows, the officers and firemen going into the midst of the smoke and flames.

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NO NEWS FROM NANSSEN.

Reports Concerning Him Regarded as