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A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

A Steamer With One Hundred Thousand Pounds of Giant Powder Aboard Blown to Atoms.

The Whole Pacific Coast Shaken—The Force Greater Than Any Earthquake Ever Known There.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Jan. 17.—At an early hour yesterday morning the most terrific explosion ever experienced on the Pacific slope occurred immediately opposite the celebrated Cliff House, some twelve miles below the city. The schooner Parallel with 100,000 pounds of giant powder aboard was driven ashore at that point, and the pounding on the rocks caused the powder to explode. The captain and crew had abandoned the vessel prior to the explosion. The life-saving crew was on the beach near by when the explosion occurred. Three members, Horace Smith, Charles Rogers and John Wilson were badly injured by being thrown to the earth and having bones dislocated. The famous Cliff House, which was fortunately closed at this season, is a complete wreck. The west end of the building overlooking the ocean is falling to pieces. The force of the explosion was greater than any earthquake ever known in this vicinity. The whole shore, with its great cliffs, for miles literally trembled and shook. The fine conservatory of Adolph Zettros, located on the heights above, was shattered to atoms, and every window in his dwelling house was broken. For a time fears were entertained for the safety of the captain and crew of the Parallel, but a ferry boat from San Celito brought them to the city, having picked them up at the entrance to Golden Gate. The Parallel was en route to Astoria, Oregon, where the powder was being shipped for railroad blasting. The vessel was actually obliterated, only a few pieces of floating wreckage being visible. The vessel was valued at \$7000. It was owned by S. B. Peterson, of this city and was insured. The explosion was so terrific and occurred so close to the Seal Rocks that it was supposed immense numbers of seals would be killed by the concussion. Such proves, however, not to be the case. Two dead ones only have been seen. A rumor is current that the explosion was caused by an infernal machine aboard, but all the facts are contrary to such a supposition. The explosion was distinctly heard at Oakland, San Jose, and even as far as Sacramento, a distance of over 100 miles. Capt. Jordan of the ship Commodore, which arrived today from Port Discovery, says that they felt the shock fifteen miles out at sea.

DIED FROM OVER EATING.

How a Tramp Railroad Man Killed Himself at Richmond Station.

CORNICANA, TEX., Jan. 17.—Judge Rice received a telegram yesterday to go to Richmond Station to hold an inquest over the remains of a young man who had died the night before. Judge Walton was dispatched to the place, but before he got there Equine Leech of Parsley had arrived, empaneled a jury and was proceeding with the inquest. A number of

witnesses were sworn and all testified to the same facts, that the young man came to his death from the effects of over-eating and drinking too much whisky. The young man, whose name was W. Warner, was about thirty years of age. He was a sort of a tramp railroad man. He had just gone to work in the afternoon and claimed that he had not had a square meal for some time. The witnesses stated that he ate an enormous meal at supper and after supper they all indulged in a regulation drink. During the night the young man arose, complaining of feeling unwell, and went out of the house. This was the last seen of him until morning, when he was found dead on the floor.

GALVESTON.

A Deserter Killed while Stealing a Ride. A Sudden Death.

GALVESTON, TEX., Jan. 17.—A white mess-room steward of the steamship Fairfield, lying at the new wharf, deserted his ship last night and, with two other companions, attempted to steal a ride out of the city on a freight train of the Santa Fe Railway. This morning his remains, mutilated almost beyond recognition, were picked up on the track about a mile west of the yardmaster's office. He was in an intoxicated condition at the time of boarding the train, and it is thought he fell between the engine and water-tank car and was ground to death beneath the revolving wheels of the train.

Frank Derks, formerly sheriff of this county, died suddenly of heart disease at his residence last night. He was sixty-seven years of age, and had resided in Galveston many years. He leaves a family of three sons and three daughters to mourn his loss.

SHERMAN.

A Missouri Lady Dies of Heart Disease.

SHERMAN, TEX., Jan. 17.—A sad and sudden death occurred in this city at about 11 o'clock last night. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams of Carlton, Mo., was visiting her grand-daughter, Mrs. Cole, of Walnut street, and was apparently in good health. The family retired about 9 o'clock, and about 11 o'clock Mrs. Williams called her daughter and told her that she was dying and expired in a few moments. A physician was called, but arrived too late. Mrs. Williams' death is attributed to heart disease.

Capt. O. T. Lyon of this city received a telegram today announcing the death of his father near Port Deposit, Md. Safe, permanent and complete are the cures of Rheumatism and Intermittent diseases, made by Prickly Ash Bitters. Dyspepsia, general debility, habitual constipation, liver and kidney complaints are speedily eradicated from the system. It cleanses, cleanses and eliminates all malarial, hepatic and vicar ailments, more rapidly and permanently by the use of this great natural antidote than by any other remedy heretofore known. As a blood purifier and tonic it brings health, renewed energy and vitality to a worn and diseased body.

A DEMENTED JEWELER.

A Merchant of Richmond, Tex., Loses His Mind at Houston.

HOUSTON, TEX., Jan. 17.—Friday morning last W. B. Vick, a prominent jeweler of Richmond, Tex., accompanied by a New Orleans jewelry drummer named Schorbach, arrived in the city. They registered at the Capitol and were assigned the same room on the fourth floor. During the night Schorbach was awakened by his companion, who was in a wild state of delirium, endeavoring to jump out of the window. Schorbach tried to summon help, but the electric annunciator wire being out of order he had to hold his frenzied room-mate several hours until he finally calmed down. The next morning (Saturday) Vick was apparently rational and in the afternoon went out to visit friends living in the city. He failed to return during the night. Schorbach immediately notified a number of people who were acquainted with Vick and search was instituted for the missing man. Nothing was learned of his whereabouts until yesterday, when he was seen five miles from the city by S. Conrad and Louis Schering, two Houston merchants. Conrad, who is a Main street jeweler, knew Vick and said that he saw him in the city Friday, well dressed and wearing a gold watch. When seen on the prairie yesterday he was ragged and dirty, and without hat or watch. He endeavored to bring him back, but the unfortunate man started on a run over the prairie and disappeared in the tall grass. The matter was reported to Sheriff Ellis, and a posse of men and hounds under the supervision of Deputies Erickson and Waites started out in search of the demented Vick. At a late hour this evening the posse returned with their man. He was found fifteen miles from the city in a dense wood skirting the banks of Cray's bayou standing under a tree talking to an imaginary friend. He was a pitiful sight, bareheaded, his clothing in rags and his hands and face scratched and bruised by the underbrush. He was quickly surrounded and captured, securely tied and brought to Houston and is now in jail for safe-keeping. He talks incoherently, imagining that he is being pursued by angry men and bloodhounds. Vick is well known to many persons in this city, is a Mason in good standing and will be gladly looked after.

Advice to Mothers.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, draws out the pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea, 25 cents a bottle.

Coal Handlers' Strike.

RESUMING OPERATIONS. MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., Jan. 17.—In anticipation of the speedy settlement of the strike of coal handlers at the shipping points, several collieries in this district resumed operations this morning. Others will follow to-morrow. NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS. NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The situation in the coal handlers' strike is practically unchanged. The reported concerted ac-

tion by the different companies to-day to commence handling coal with new men has been deferred. That concerted action is intended is undoubted, but owing to the inability of some companies to get new men the attempt has been postponed a few days.

DALLAS.

Robberies and Burglaries—Insanity Spreading—Street Car Trouble. Special to the Gazette.

DALLAS, TEX., Jan. 17.—Thos. Fox was arrested this morning on a charge of theft, committed at the National hotel several weeks ago. He will also be held to answer various other charges of robbery and general crookedness.

Sallie Liddel, a negro woman, was convicted this morning on a charge of lunacy and starts with the sheriff in company with young "Conrad" for Terrell tonight. She is a sort of witch, and pretends to deal in charms, voodoo medicines and such other wares as Macbeth bought of the weird sisters.

The air of Dallas seems to be laden with a lurid contagion, and cautious citizens are on the look out for inoculation cur.

The Main Street Railway Company undertook this morning to extend their line to the court-house square. But when a few blocks of boiler pavement had been moved Acting Mayor Tom Brown ordered the work to stop. An adjustment has since been reached and the work is proceeding.

The Sunday law was rigidly enforced yesterday. Cigar dealers were inexorable, and lovers of the weed had to do without or chew wax.

The council meets to-night to consider amendments to the city charter. The prime object of the amendments is to secure larger powers in regard to the issuance of bonds in order to provide more efficient water-works.

BURGLARIES.

There were several unsuccessful attempts at burglary last night, and a few small hauls were made. The police think they have "caught onto" the game of the tappers, which is that a couple of well-dressed "gentlemen" spot a house, and inquire within for the alleged purpose of buying. The premises are thoroughly noted and all the useful information obtained. The night work then becomes easy.

WILLS POINT.

A Would-be Insurance Agent Comes to Grief. Special to the Gazette.

WILLS POINT, TEX., Jan. 17.—W. E. Cooper, formerly telegraph operator here, claiming now to be agent for a live stock insurance company, has come to grief. Saturday he went to Canton and traded a note purporting to be from a prominent stock man and offered another note of like kind. Before, however, Cooper had safely departed, the notes were found so forged, and Cooper now languishes in jail at Canton. A gentleman from Athens says Cooper has insured several horses there, collecting the money and promising certificates for same, which were never sent. Cooper is well known here to several business houses for various delinquent accounts. The McLeod-Kellam horse-race has been referred to the courts for decision. Quite a number of witnesses went to

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DENISON.

A Brakeman's Arm Torn Off—Sent to Sedalia for Burial. Special to the Gazette.

DENISON, TEX., Jan. 17.—Louis Hamilton, a brakeman on the Missouri Pacific, while making a coupling at Warner switch, three miles north of Denison, fell under the wheels, crushing his right arm off. He was brought to Denison and his arm amputated at the shoulder. Mr. Hamilton is a single man. The remains of Mrs. Campbell, the lady who was killed Saturday night at McAllister in a railroad wreck, was shipped to Sedalia this morning for burial.

A Philosophical View.

Perlis Journal. In the shifting struggle for life the brainiest work to the top. This great law, applicable alike to ants as to elephants, must in the end settle all these questions. No man, no matter how great a monopolist he may be himself, really wishes to see suffering. He would like to have every one enjoy his plate of roast beef, even if he does decidedly object to parting with any portion on his own platter. The true philosophy is not to care for things beyond your reach. If one will but study this lesson, the fact that one's neighbor wears purple and fine linen is a matter of no importance.