

herely designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of the present month, November, as a day of thanksgiving and praise, to be kept and observed by all the people of our land. On that day let us forego our ordinary work and employments and assemble in our usual places of worship, where we may recall all that God has done for us, and where from grateful hearts our united tribute of praise and song may reach the throne of grace. Let the reunion of kindred and social meeting of friends lend cheer and enjoyment to duty, and let generous gifts of charity for the relief of the poor and needy prove the sincerity of our thanksgiving. (Signed)

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

WALTER Q. GRESHAM,  
Secretary of State.

BATESVILLE, Ark., Nov. 5.—This town has been in the midst of the most intense excitement all day. The two Oliphant train robbers captured yesterday are in jail here, and the posse in pursuit of the four men still at large came upon them at an early hour this morning two miles from Jamestown, and a lively running fight ensued. The bandits were forced to abandon their six horses and take to their heels. They also abandoned several overcoats, pistols and a lot of jewelry.

Toward noon a telegraph message was received from Jamestown, stating that the bloodhounds were within rifleshoot of the robbers, and that the robbers were firing at the hounds. At 5 p. m. another skirmish took place between the opposing parties, but no one was hurt.

RENO, Nev., Nov. 5.—One of the worst railroad wrecks that ever happened on the western division of the Central Pacific occurred at 8:30 this morning between freight train No. 10, westbound, and No. 7, eastbound, about a mile west of Salvia, a small station eighteen miles east of Reno, resulting in the death of Daniel Leach, brakeman on the westbound, and Charlie Givens, fireman on the same train, and four tramps, not yet identified, and injuring three others, namely: James Bird, engineer on No. 7, left leg broken at ankle very badly; Tom Morehead, his fireman, cut about the head, and a tramp named William E. Voss, who says he is from Chicago and has a wife living there. Voss has a very severe scalp wound, and it is feared his brain is injured, and recovery is doubtful.

The two trains came together in a cut on a sharp turn, going at full speed. The engine pulling No. 10 mounted the one going east, so that they nearly changed positions. Fourteen or fifteen freight cars were smashed to atoms.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The secretary of the navy has received a message from Captain Pickling of the cruiser Charleston at Rio Janeiro, dated Saturday, saying: Night before last there was an explosion of a large quantity of gunpowder belonging to the insurgents on Governor's island. A squad of British sailors were getting sand near the magazine at the time. Two officers, one boatswain and a sailor were killed, and a fireman seriously hurt. Admiral Mello claims the Brazilian government is to blame for the disaster.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 6.—John Minor was

accused this morning by his wife of deserting her for another woman. A quarrel ensued in which the woman drew a revolver and shot him through the heart.

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 6.—Chas. Martin, the wealthiest young man in this city, shot and killed his mistress, Patty Cole, and then killed himself.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5.—The Chinese who are confined in jail, pending deportation for failing to comply with the Geary registration law, are to be released and will enjoy the same privilege to register under the McCreary bill as their countrymen who are still at liberty. In compliance with a dispatch received today by District Attorney Carter from Attorney General Olney, the Chinese convicted of felony will be deported. The others will be released. It is now stated the Six Companies will do all in their power to induce the Chinese to comply with the registration law.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Nov. 6.—The cash register at the Thornburg hotel was stolen from the office last night. The thief broke the register open took the \$23 which it contained and left the cash box beside the fence.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Nov. 6.—A gentleman from Illinois has purchased the tract of land in the South Park country on which the soda springs are located. He proposes laying out a town and erecting a large hotel and sanitarium at the springs. It is claimed the waters are a certain cure for rheumatism.

MADRID, Nov. 5.—The terrible disaster which wrecked the port of Santander and destroyed hundreds of lives sent a thrill of horror throughout Spain. Every piece of news which reaches Madrid not only confirms the most sensational reports, but pictures the disaster in more vivid colors than hitherto.

The "Cabo Machicaco," a Spanish steamship belonging to Bilbao, caught fire about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it was soon beyond the control of the ship's crew. The local fire department and a detachment of civil guards were sent to the scene and the leading municipal authorities aided in the effort to save the steamer.

In the meantime thousands of people crowded to the quay and thronged the promenades contiguous to it. The fire quickly ignited the petroleum which formed a part of the cargo. Twenty cases of dynamite were registered on the ship's papers and were carried ashore, but the ship had also on board 480 cases more, which did not appear on the papers and of which the authorities had no knowledge.

About 4:30 the ship's boilers burst with a terrible report, and soon after there was another terrible detonation. The steamer seemed to open in half sending a blaze of fire skyward, over which a cloud of smoke rested for several minutes. The report was of such awful intensity that it shook the earth for miles around.

The explosion shot tons of iron ore, which composed the major part of the ship's cargo, into the air, where it mingled with the burning fragments of the steamship, tugs and wooden quay, as well as with the mangled bodies of hundreds of unfortunate people who were hurled upward, and

the falling of this horrible mass can be better imagined than described.

The flaming splinters set fire to hundreds of buildings, causing a frightful panic. The force of the exploding dynamite caused such a concussion that it actually sunk a hundred small craft in the harbor in addition to setting fire to a large number of other vessels and starting a conflagration in several of the larger ships, including the Alfonso XII, which vessel caught fire so suddenly and burned so fiercely that forty of her crew lost their lives on board of her. The damage to foreign shipping is said to be very great.

Along the quay and promenade mangled and blackened corpses were scattered here and there or in heaps, in many cases upon the wounded and dying, whose fearful shrieks of agony filled the air.

Over a hundred people are said to have been precipitated into the sea by the explosion, and there met death. A train just arriving was wrecked by the explosion, set fire to and a majority of its passengers burned to death.

Soon after the explosion whistles opposite the quay were blazing, and other portions of the city were also in flames. In the midst of the horrible panic a few men retained presence of mind enough to ride to the nearest railway station and send telegrams to the government and authorities of other large cities, imploring succor. The cities of Vaila, Dolind, Burges, Bilbao and Barcelona immediately took steps to assist the stricken city. Fire engines, physicians, medicine and food were sent to relieve the distress. Large forces of troops were also dispatched.

LONDON, Nov. 5.—Official confirmation is received here by the naval authorities of the death of two seamen and two marines and the injury of five others on the British warships Racer and Nirus near Rio de Janeiro. It appears the British vessels named landed a party near Rio de Janeiro in order to obtain a supply of sand for holystoning the decks. During their stay ashore the British party approached an old Brazilian government powder magazine, which was guarded by a detachment of President Peixoto's soldiers. The latter, seeing a number of seamen dig at, believed they belonged to the rebel warships, and consequently, acting under orders, the Brazilians blew up the powder magazine and killed and injured the British sailors referred to.

CHICAGO, Nov. 6.—The wrangle over the election of mayor pro tem was settled tonight by the choice of Alderman George B. Swift, he receiving 62 votes to 5 for Alderman McGillen, one blank being cast. The Democratic aldermen, who met early in the day, but were unable to get a quorum, owing to the absence of the Republicans, remaining in the council chamber until the time of the regular meeting this evening in order to keep McGillen, their man, in the chair, on the plea that the original meeting, of which he had been chairman, was not adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The treasury department today had an actual working balance not to exceed \$2,000,000. If this becomes exhausted the department will have to meet current obligations from the gold reserve. The