

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

OMAHA, May 17.—Last night at Plattsmouth a Pinkerton man employed by the Burlington road was assaulted by several Brotherhood engineers. He shot Peter Rogers fatally, and started to run with a crowd after him yelling, "hang him!" The Pinkerton man shot again, the bullet passing through the leg of Bills and wounding Kane. The detective escaped. There is great excitement.

AKRON, Ohio, May 17.—Katie Phillips of Cleveland, and Annie Johnson of Atlanta, elegantly dressed and pretty girls of 18, were today arrested for horse stealing.

QUINCY, Ill., May 17.—The Upper Sny levee gave way near East Hannibal this morning, and the destruction of the levee district in this section of the Mississippi Valley is now complete. Many thousand acres of most productive farming lands are covered with from six to fifteen feet of water, and the loss from the great flood cannot be estimated. The river has risen six inches since this morning, and reports from above state that the water is still rising. Tonight a largely attended meeting was held to devise means for the relief of the destitute families along the low lands.

ST. LOUIS, May 17.—There are now five bad breaks in the Sny levee and the whole of the bottoms reaching for miles, from opposite Louisiana, Missouri, to Hannibal, Missouri, are inundated. The flood covers an area of fifty miles long and five miles wide. Over 100,000 acres of crops will be injured or destroyed.

Advices from Mississippi river towns above say that at 4:15 o'clock this morning a break occurred in the Sny levee at a point about two miles below Hannibal bridge, and this was followed at 6:15 by a larger and more serious one above the bridge. The wildest excitement prevailed in Hannibal among the few farmers who stubbornly refused to leave the bottoms. Two hundred men who had been engaged all night in the work of stopping seeps, and placing bags of sand on top of the levee to keep the river back, attempted to close the breaks, but without success. The more sensible farmers had removed their stock to the bluffs, but some remained until the moment of calamity, consequently they sustained severe losses. Hogs, cows and horses could be seen swimming in the flood until they came in contact with some obstacle upon which their bodies would be mangled. The smaller houses in the bottom were wrecked. No loss of life is reported yet. The territory now covered with water is forty-five miles long and six miles wide, with 50,000 acres under cultivation. The depth of the water is from one to twenty feet—consequent upon the breaking of the levee. The water is receding rapidly. The tenants state if the ground gets in favorable condition by the middle of June, they can raise late corn. Their loss is incalculable. The damage to railroad property will be great.

From Keokuk word comes that it was thought the worst was over, but very heavy rains set in there this morning, and as the Des Moines river is rising rapidly, there is no telling what the result will be. The overflow is constantly increasing, covering more land every day, and the water is getting deeper. Vast quantities of water are creeping over the levees a mile north of Alexandria, which flows in a swift current that sweeps through the town and threatens to carry away a number of houses whose foundations have been weakened. Many families have abandoned their homes.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The House committee on agriculture at a special meeting today referred to a sub-committee the Butterworth lardine bill and its various substitutes, looking to taxing all adulterated food products. The sub-committee, which has not as yet been appointed, will have authority to report a bill covering the general subject of food adulteration for submission to the full committee.

STOCKMAN, N. Y., May 17.—A terrific explosion of powder and dynamite occurred here in the powder mill this morning. Three men were killed outright and the mill was demolished. It contained 250 barrels of powder and 200 of dynamite. The explosion shook the country for miles around.

SIDNEY, N. S. W., May 17.—Last evening the premier, in an impassioned speech, introduced in the colonial assembly a bill to restrict Chinese immigration. All standing orders were suspended without a word of dissent, and at 7 o'clock this morning, amid loud cheers, the bill passed its third reading with only verbal amendments.

The bill, which operates from the first of May, indemnifies the government for past acts, prohibits the naturalization of Chinamen, allows vessels to bring one Chinaman to every 300 tons (instead of one to 100 tons, as heretofore), raises the poll tax from £10 to £100, and fixes the penalty for evasion of the laws at from £10 to £50. Chinamen will be permitted to trade in defined areas, but the number in each of the districts must not exceed five. The bill also imposes restriction as to residence and trading. Traveling Chinese with passports will not be allowed to engage in mining operations except by permission of the government. The bill does not affect the Chinese who are British subjects. All Chinese must report themselves and take out an annual license which shall cost 19 shillings and the governor in council is empowered to make regulations relative thereto. All Chinese will

be preserved in their civil rights. The police have received strict orders to prevent any molestation of the Chinese.

NEW YORK, May 17.—It is possible that the body of Benson, the Patti ticket forger, which is still unclaimed, will be buried in the potter's field, although he had considerable property recorded. He had previously attempted suicide at Newcastle, saturating his clothes with oil and firing them.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Senor Romero, Mexican minister, speaking today of the Benson suicide, said he regretted very much the occurrence, and believed it a rash and uncalled for act. Benson once in Mexico, Senor Romero added, would have been tried by a jury, which might possibly have acquitted him, because the Mexicans instead of having an ill will against Benson, could not help admiring his ingenuity, adroitness and audacity with which he deceived them, and felt rather kindly towards him.

COLUMBUS, O., May 17.—Wm. George was executed at the penitentiary annex tonight for the murder of James Scott, in Muskingum County, on July 19th last.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Late this afternoon Ferris secured a bondsman in Wm. K. Ferris and was released.

Lawyer Jerome Buck declares he is no longer counsel for Mrs. Scofield. He is disgusted with her conduct and has abandoned her case. He will make no effort to obtain bail for her.

Mrs. Lillian Scofield is completely prostrated and is apparently bordering on insanity. The keepers at the house of detention said this morning that she passed the time alternately tossing on a cot and pacing her room with her hair all tangled and her attire disordered. Her speech is incoherent and from time to time she bursts out in torrents of abuse of the coroner, police and the newspapers. She eats nothing and has not slept for thirty-six hours. She is unable to get ball, though she has more than \$1,000 to her credit with W. T. Hatch & Sons. The papers in the case have not reached the district attorney's office. Assistant District Attorney Lindsay said today there was no likelihood of the grand jury finding an indictment against either Mrs. Scofield or Ferris. The case will be submitted to the grand jury with the statement that in the opinion of the public prosecutor no crime has been committed in connection with the death of W. T. Hatch.

STOCKHOLM, May 18.—Dr. Fritz, of Mauseu, with four Norwegians and two Laplanders, has started for Greenland to explore the east coast.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., May 18.—It has rained incessantly for the last thirty-six hours and White River, usually a peaceful stream, is now a rushing torrent, five miles wide.

CARSON, Nev., May 18.—About a year ago, John Shay, a half breed Indian, killed another Indian here and escaped. After the affair died out he returned and remained until Sunday last, when the brother of his victim waylaid him on the street and shot him dead. The murderer fled afterwards to Polson's wood camp, where he concealed himself. Four of Shay's friends pursued him and on Monday night reached his hiding place. He opened fire and killed two of them. The others returned to town and a posse was formed to pursue him. It is said he had previously killed two Indians.

QUINCY, Ill., May 18.—The flood prevailing along the Mississippi River have never been equaled except in 1851. Ten days ago the water reached the danger point and since then has been steadily rising at the rate of from 4 to 14 inches daily and the worst is to come. Thousands of acres are covered with water and hundreds of families driven from homes at a minute's notice. The loss to the farming interests are simply incalculable, as the district flooded is the richest in the valley. On the embankment of the river hundreds of cattle, horses and hogs are gathered without feed, while across on the opposite bluff are seen hundreds of men, women and children, desolate, forlorn, despairing. Many are destitute and many are suffering for food. Communication with this side is entirely cut off; every road has been covered with water. Factories and warehouses along the river are seriously embarrassed and large buildings are gradually undermined by the rushing waters.

WASHINGTON, May 18 [Special].—The House was thrown into an uproar this afternoon at the conclusion of Randall's hour. A request was made that Randall be allowed to proceed, but objection was made by Mills—an objection which was greeted with jeers and hisses by the republicans. McKinley then yielded him a portion of his time, but by an amicable arrangement suggested by Breckenridge, Randall was permitted to proceed without limitation of time. He concluded his speech at 12:35, and was followed by McKinley, of Ohio.

DUBLIN, May 18.—Moonlighters have posted a notice in Drinquin district, County of Tyrone, ordering the boycotting of all in communication with the police and warning the people that all those who disregard the order shall be shot.

PITTSBURG, May 18.—Mr. Jones, chairman of the republican national committee, who returned from the east last evening, made the following answers to the questions of reporters: "My visit to New York was on private business, and had not the slightest political significance. I regard the prospect for the success of the republican

party as most encouraging, and believe any one of the prominent presidential candidates who is a thorough protectionist can be elected. Undoubtedly the controlling issue in the campaign will be protection to American industries against free trade, or a tariff for revenue only. It will be the American system against the British system. Mr. Cleveland has made the issue squarely, and his party must stand by him, or again ignominiously retreat from the position and fight under false colors.

"Mr. Blaine has not appointed a residuary legatee nor has he expressed his preference for any of the candidates. His wishes are that the best man may win. Mr. Blaine will not write another letter affirming or withdrawing his declaration: at least, I see no reason why he should. That was intended to be final. I believe Blaine would have been nominated by acclamation if he had not withdrawn from the field. I do not know what he would do if he should receive a unanimous nomination by the Chicago convention, but should think it would be hard to resist the demands of the party which had so highly honored him. Upon the whole, I think these questions are not for me or even Blaine to answer, but for the republican party in assembly met.

"There is no truth in the reports that a few of Blaine's friends have had concerted action for the purpose of putting him forward again as a candidate; nor is there any truth in the report that Blaine has relented and would now like to have his name go before the convention."

PORTLAND, Oregon, May 18.—Seven blocks of business houses and residences at Palouse City, Washington Territory, were burned last night. The loss will aggregate \$250,000; insurance, \$75,000.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., May 18.—A displaced rail threw the engine and four cars of the Short Line "Owl" train from Boston off the track this morning on the drawbridge just where 35 years ago over 20 lives were lost in an accident. There was the wildest panic among the passengers as the train ripped over the bridge ties and they were thrown from their berths. By a miracle the train ran straight over the broken ties and stopped. Not a person was injured, but the wildest confusion and consternation seized the passengers. They were thrown out of their berths by the sleepers swaying and bounding over the ties. Men and women screamed as the glass crashed, and the horrible expectation of toppling over into the river added to the terror of the situation. A rush was made for the doors by the half-dressed passengers. To jump from the train was to leap into the water. A few made the dive and were afterwards fished out.

ST. CLOUD, Minn., May 18.—Gas escaping in the basement of the First National Bank exploded this evening. The building is a total wreck. The front was blown across the street, shattering buildings on the other side. Many people were on the streets, and a large number were hurt. The following were hurt seriously: E. Keller, J. A. Salip, A. L. Huber, F. Tallman and J. Whitney. The building caught fire, but the flames were quickly put out.

ALMA, Ark., May 18.—The hardest rains for many years have been falling in Arkansas the last two days and the streams are all overflowed. The immense cotton fields and corn bottoms are flooded. The country is suffering a general inundation. So quick was the rise of the water that many people were driven from their houses and forced to swim for their lives. Many women and children are standing on the tops of houses crying for help, with the water ten feet deep around them and still rising. Fears are entertained that many lives have been lost.

ROME, May 18.—The Parnellite manifesto has started the Vatican authorities. They thought the Parnellites would follow the priests in submission.

QUINCY, Ill., May 18.—The Quincy Whig today organized three expeditions to the overflowed districts, and obtained minute particulars of the condition of the refugees camped on the highlands and bluffs north and south of the city. In Indian Grove district there are 150 families rendered homeless; the majority are partially sheltered in barns and other buildings on farms not inundated. A number, however, remain in the upper stories of their dwellings in the submerged area. They are all suffering to some extent, but the attention and care of the neighbors has thus far prevented actual want. The more unfortunate people, however, cannot long stand the drain on their limited resources. The extent of the desolation and deprivation has not been realized. Everywhere there is ruin and destruction, and the fortitude of the distressed people is inconceivable. They are not in such absolute misery and want, however, as are a much greater number in the dry district, south of Quincy. There roadway, bluffs and all the dry places are occupied by persons in tents, under hastily constructed sheds, in wagons, and with no covering but the most scanty clothing. Women and children are weeping over the catastrophe which has overtaken them, and are in sore need of clothing and food. The women in many instances have totally inadequate clothing. Some were without shoes or stockings. Children were in garb fit only for the hottest weather in comfortable homes. And men have only very meagre outfits. They are living as best they can, existing only until

charity, which is already widespread, can be made available for their relief. How many of these distressed, there are within the Sny district cannot be told. It will be with the greatest difficulty that some of them can be reached.

One of the most important results of the trip is found in the report of the inspection of damage to railway property on the Illinois side of the river, which has not heretofore received marked attention. Large sections of the several roads are washed out, and bridges and culverts entirely carried away. The force of the flood inside the levees was much greater than the previous reports would indicate. Hundreds of farm houses and other buildings have been swept away and demolished.

LONDON, May 18.—A dispatch from Rome says: A party of anti-clericals came into collision with a religious procession at Banca on Wednesday. A fight arising, the military were called out and the soldiers were compelled to fire upon the mob. Several persons were killed.

LONDON, May 18.—A party of tithe collectors and police were attacked by a mob at La Madd, Wales, yesterday, and in the conflict that followed 25 persons were injured, seven of them seriously.

OMAHA, May 18.—Considerable excitement still prevails at Plattsmouth over the wounding, Wednesday night, of the Brotherhood fireman and special officer Kane, by a Pinkerton man. An extra force of 25 Pinkerton men has been sent to Plattsmouth.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—Two bills in equity were filed today against Mrs. Parnell, the mother of the Irish Parliamentarian. The plaintiffs are Mary R. Stewart, and the administratrix of Charlotte Smith, both of whom were connected with the Parnell family. They aver that in 1875 they gave Mrs. Parnell sums of money aggregating \$7500, which she was to invest and pay dividends on. They received sums at regular intervals until 1883, when payment ceased, and they claim to be unable to get an accounting from Mrs. Parnell. The court is asked to issue a writ of attachment against Mrs. Parnell's property in this city, and that she be ordered to file an accounting.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Daily additions to the literature concerning Mrs. Scofield are received by the coroner. The latest is dated San Francisco, May 10th, and was received this morning. It was signed M. B., and purports to add to the knowledge of Mrs. Scofield's facts as follows: She kept a ten-roomed house in Post street, San Francisco, fifteen years ago, and the lodgers' missing valuables were traced to her. She blackmailed certain San Franciscans whose names are given, according to the letter.

Nearly a column is given this evening to the Scofield story by certain papers. It is alleged that she intends to fight the case and will not seek bail. Meantime doubt is expressed concerning the bail furnished by Ferris. An affidavit has been made that Ferris's bondsman has only a temporary deed for the realty on which he qualified, and a suit is pending to make the bondsman transfer the property to other claimants. A writ of habeas corpus was procured to bring Mrs. Scofield into court this morning.

NEW YORK, May 19.—The following particulars of the new law abolishing slavery in Brazil has been received: All emancipated negroes now on the coffee plantations are required to remain there until the next coffee crop is gathered, but in the mean time they are to receive a small rate of wages from their former owners and shall not be locked up in their quarters as formerly. The former owners receive no compensation for their liberated slaves. Nearly a million and a half of slaves are liberated by the new law. In recognition of this enlightened measure in removing the last stain of slavery from the new world, the Pope has sent a golden rose to the princess regent of Brazil.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 19.—Smith Hogan, of Spencer County, member of the G. A. R. and pensioner, was taken to the woods by the "white caps" switch committee a few nights ago, and given sixty lashes on his bare back for alleged wife beating. Hogan was left gagged and tied to a tree.

WOODWARD, I. T., May 19.—A party of vigilantes captured four men driving a herd of stolen ponies in No Man's Land, Thursday night, and lynched the whole party. Two of them were noted outlaws known as Chitwood and Dandy Hook. The brothers of Chitwood have declared vengeance.

LONDON, May 19.—The Central News announces that it is officially informed that the police have received news of a Clan-na-Gael plotting, which contemplates the commission of a crime similar to the tragedy of Phoenix Park. The police for some time have watched the movements of Thomas Brennan and found him conferring with a man named Walsh, who afterwards made a pretence of going to America to see Brennan, and really did sail for Havre, ostensibly to take steamer to see New York, but after reaching Havre, he went on to Paris, where he has been living under an assumed name. The police are closely watching the men supposed to be parties to the plot. Further details of the plot are promised.

LOUISVILLE, May 19.—In the case of John J. Cornellison, the assailant who drove to suicide Judge Richard Reld, of Mount Sterling, and who is now seeking to escape his sentence of three years in jail, Judge Tony, of this city, today refused to grant his release.

Cornellison's attorney urged that sentence was excessive and the result of prejudice. The case came from Mount Sterling on a writ of habeas corpus.

A BANKER SUICIDES.

SUMMIT, N. J., May 19.—Robert Arnold, the New York banker, committed suicide. He had retired and asked his wife to get him a light, while she was in search of it he placed a revolver at his head and shot himself to death instantly.

BEEM AN UNPRINCIPLED SWINDLER.

CHICAGO, May 19.—Investigation into the death of General Beem by the Union Veteran League Club has only confirmed the theory of swindlers and the truth of Mrs. Beem's story has shown the deceased to have been an unprincipled swindler. His victims were mainly widows, orphans and soldiers.

SUICIDED WITH GAS.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Fred Marsden, the well-known playwright, was found dead in his room this morning, having committed suicide by closing the windows and turning on the gas. Marsden was one of the most successful playwrights in America and had an income of about \$10,000 a year. He was dependent for some time.

It is understood he was driven to death by the waywardness and contention of his only daughter, Blanche, 21 years. It seems he discovered she was in bad company, and ordered her to stay home. She then left the house and when he asked her to return she refused. Believing her to be gone to the bad, her father's heart finally gave way. He was met with rebuff when she was finally sought, and her whereabouts are unknown. Marsden says two prominent married men of this city who were in the habit of visiting Marsden's residence are responsible for the daughter's conduct. Marsden left a loving, sorrowful, and incoherent note for his wife, in which he referred to letters, marriage books and ciphers, intended for his daughter, which he had discovered to a narrow escape from committing murder as a consequence.

Marsden is a *nom de plume*. His name was Wm. A. Silver. "Kerry Gow," "Clouds," "Zara," "Bob," "Zara," and "The Irish Street" are among his plays.

ANOTHER RASH ACT.

SUMMIT, N. J., May 19.—Robert Arnold, one of the wealthiest and prominent residents of Summit, is believed to have speculated largely in coffee in New York, committed suicide late last night by shooting. He had inherited a fortune from his mother, and his wife, the daughter of General Butterfield, brought him an additional \$100,000.

ANOTHER DOUBLE TRACKED.

DETROIT, Mich., May 20.—A specter from St. Charles, Mich., 3574, tragedy growing out of a religious difference between Edward Wilman and his wife occurred a few miles from this place this afternoon. A desire Mrs. Wilman some time ago to join the Adventist Church met with strong opposition from her husband, and she finally left him and returned to her father's house. This afternoon Wilman drove up to the house and found Mrs. Wilman alone. Pulling out a revolver he shot his wife through the breast and an instant later shot himself through the heart. Mrs. Wilman will die.

A SUICIDE FROM CROSSED LOVING.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—Pat Kalb, a saloon keeper smarting under an offer of marriage today shot Louis Kulemeyer, a woman to whom he was proposed. Two bullets entered her body but none will prove fatal. Kalb shot himself in the head.

SHOOTS HIS WIFE AND THEN HIMSELF.

A dispatch from Ashland, Wis., May 20, says at an early hour this morning William Andrews shot and killed his wife. He then shot himself, but inflicting a fatal wound, he finished the tragedy by drawing the razor across his throat.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The trial of Captain Selfridge for killing a Japanese by exploding shells will probably soon take place at the Brooklyn navy yard. Admiral Luce will be president of the court.

CHICAGO, May 19.—A special train from Springfield, Tennessee, says it is reported that four negro laborers have been lynched near Worthington in outraging a white woman a couple of nights ago.

QUINCY, May 19.—The river has risen 3½ inches since last night, and is now believed the worst of the flood is over. Depots have been established by the relief committee at various points throughout the flooded districts, from which provisions and clothing are being distributed. Investigations made today show that the previous reports of want and distress have not been exaggerated. Hundreds of families are requiring immediate assistance.

ST. CLOUD, Minn., May 19.—Last night there was a terrific explosion of gas in the basement of the First National Bank building. The structure was demolished, the front being hurled across the street and shattering the building on the opposite side. The streets were crowded. Many were injured, several seriously.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 19.—A terrific wind storm swept over the night