

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 9.—At 11 o'clock this morning a tornado of unusual severity struck the town of Wyeth City, about thirty miles from Gadsden, in northern Alabama. Thirteen houses have been literally blown from the face of the earth, but only two deaths, Ed Long and a negro woman, have been reported. A hundred or more persons are injured. Many of them are being taken care of at Gunterville, Gadsden and other neighboring towns.

CHICAGO, June 10.—Captain Shippy and the police of Woodlawn station have a valise mystery on their hands. Late on the afternoon of Decoration Day a middle aged man went into the saloon of Elmer Barron, State street, and after taking a drink, secured permission to leave a large sized valise in the place. He failed to return and yesterday Barron opened the satchel and found that it contained sixty half pound sticks of dynamite, a lot of percussion caps and several boxes of 32 calibre bullets.

A number of the one-half pound sticks had been cut in two and fulminating cartridges inserted in the cut end ready for explosion at an instant's notice. One of the cartridges alone would kill a man and each was inserted in a charge of dynamite large enough to blow the building to pieces. There were three of these already for use.

Closely fitting in the bottom of the satchel was a peculiar shaped affair. It was constructed of wood and sheet tin and was strongly put together. Captain Shippy thinks it is a section of an infernal machine or possibly a contrivance used in the manufacture of bombs.

Captain Shippy considers it a strange case and is thoroughly convinced it will be an important one. Said he last evening: "I have every hope we shall find him. I have in mind the man whom the description fits exactly for whom nearly every policeman in town has been looking. I have fixed things so if the man is ever seen in this town again we shall have him."

ST. LOUIS, June 10.—Among the Republicans of the West the name of Col. M. H. DeYoung, member of the national committee from California and a strong advocate of free silver, is already being urged in connection with the nomination for the vice presidency. When Mr. DeYoung was asked for an expression of his views as to the course of the silver men, he said:

"The delegates from the silver states are very determined in their desire to advance the interests of silver. They want the right to have the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. Some of them are very radical and talk about leaving the convention in case their views are not adopted. This action will not be general. It is generally known that Colorado, under the leadership of Teller, proposes to walk out of the convention. The California delegation has been instructed to vote for McKinley, and the convention adopted a resolution in favor of the free coinage of silver. But our dele-

gation does not intend to leave the party or convention in case of a failure of that nature. The silver men, especially of Colorado, Montana and other states, think that Teller should be nominated by the Democratic party in Chicago there would be no question of his endorsement by the two conventions that meet in St. Louis on July 22nd. That is the silver party convention and the Populist convention. In fact, it is an understanding already made and agreed that both conventions will endorse the nomination of Teller. If Teller is nominated by these three parties, my private opinion is that he will come very near being elected.

"There is one serious question, though, to the whole of this proposition. Will the Democratic party take a man out of the Republican National convention and make him the standard-bearer of the Democratic party? The general impression among the leading Democrats is that they will not do it. I think if Teller leaves the convention Montana and Idaho will follow. Utah, as a whole, will not. There may be one of the delegates that will. Nevada is just as anxious for free silver as any of the other states. While I do not know what their delegates propose to do, they can be depended upon to do everything that lies in their power to advance the interests of silver."

"What will be the probable program in the national convention of the silver men?" was asked, to which Mr. DeYoung replied: "The members of the platform committee will offer an unlimited silver coinage plank, and if rejected by that committee, when the committee make their report to the convention Senator Teller will be the one that will probably offer in the open convention a substitute for the plank reported by the committee, in the shape of one favoring the unlimited coinage of silver. They then will insist on discussing the substitute resolution on the floor of the convention. They will insist on a roll-call on the substitute, and if defeated, they will walk out of the convention.

Col. Isaac Trumbo, one of the free silver delegates from Utah, said, when asked if the silver men would bolt: "This is a matter for future consideration. Thus far we have believed we could fight the matter out within our party here, but if we fail, we may be compelled to adopt some other course out of self-protection."

BOSTON, June 10.—Wm. Graham, a big strapping policeman of the South End precinct is the hero of the hour in Boston. He was passing along Washington street when off duty at a time when a fire broke out in a big five story block, and his presence of mind and bravery saved the lives of twenty young women.

Plumbers at work on the third floor had carelessly left a lighted candle close to the woodwork and the fire thus started spread with great rapidity and there were nearly forty men and women employed in Woods Printing Office and their escape by way of the stairs was entirely cut off by the flames. They crowded around the

windows on the Washington street end of the building. Their only chance to escape appeared to be to jump to the ground eighty feet below, the firemen not having reached the scene. Then it was that the patrolman Graham rushed into the adjoining building and going to the third floor climbed out upon the broad stone sill of the window nearest to the burning building. That brought him to within a few feet of one of the windows which was filled with frantic women. He told them to creep along the sill and he would rescue them. It required a large amount of courage to hang over the street with the only chance of a foothold of about three inches of wet stone trimming, but they ventured one at a time and the strong arm of Patrolman Graham soon was upon them and he lifted them down into a place of safety. In this manner nearly twenty made their escape before the firemen arrived and the crowd sent up cheers.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 10.—One hundred and eighty cases of dynamite exploded about a mile below Lilly yesterday afternoon with fatal results. The dead are: Mike Scawwasaki, fatally injured; Antonio Stibley, Gregarious Shieki, Gabriel Augonaki, Frank Smith (colored), Peter Jackson (colored), Samuel Walters.

Contractor McManus and workmen on the Pennsylvania railway were getting ready to make a blast when the premature explosion occurred, burying seven men beneath the sand and rock.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 11.—The steamer Australia from Honolulu today brings confirmation of the Associated Press story concerning the demand made by Great Britain that Volney Ashford be permitted to return to Hawaii. The Dole government is very much excited over the report but the president of the little republic is pursuing a conservative course in dealing with the matter. The news of England's demand originated in Washington, D. C., and was forwarded in private correspondence to an Hawaiian paper and several private concerns. There is a likelihood of Hawaii calling upon the United States to extend its offices in the dispute.

TAYLORVILLE, June 13.—The Taylorville coal mining works were destroyed by fire yesterday and eighty-five men entombed. After hours of suffocation all but three were rescued alive.

The fire which was caused by an explosion of gasoline, spread rapidly through the mine, cutting off the men at work in the lower levels, those rescued were taken out through a shaft that the fire did not reach.

The flames were at a late hour last night raging below. The bodies of the three dead miners cannot yet be reached. Twenty mules also perished. The loss by fire will be \$75,000.

WEST POINT, N. Y., June 12.—Fully 10,000 persons attended the graduating exercises at the military academy today. The corps of cadets, consisting of four classes, marched across the plain to the front of the library building, where a large tent had been erected. Col. O. H. Ernest, superintendent of the military academy, Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Adj.-Gen. Ruggles, Col. Langdon of New York, Col.