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NASHVILLE, 27.—Last night John Proctor, saloon keeper at Adairville, Ky., was killed by Alex. Crawford and son at Crocker Cross Roads, ten miles from Springfield, Tenn. Proctor's wife had left him on account of his dissipated habits, and took refuge in the house of her father. Proctor attempted to take her away by force, when an altercation ensued between Proctor and her father, in which the former was stabbed and bled to death.

Kansas City, 27.—*Times Topeka*, Ks., special: In a horse race near Rossville yesterday an Indian named Letrouche shot and killed John Hale. The murder was coldblooded. The Indian escaped. He would stand a good show of lynching if caught.

Dodge City, Ks., 27.—One Byrd, hailing from the Panhandle, shipped eight car loads of cattle from here on Saturday. It was claimed that all or part of them were stolen, and he was arrested at Nickerson and brought back. He had a preliminary examination before Justice Hartman to-day, and was remanded for ten days. The prosecution is pushed by the Western Kansas Stock Growers' Association, which is determined to mete out the severest punishment on all stock thieves.

Savannah, Ga., 27.—Near Colquitt, Milledge county, a few nights ago, two negroes entered the bed chamber of a prominent society lady with the object of outrage and murder. She was awakened by the touch of one of the men, and put them to flight with a pistol. One of the negroes was captured and shot dead in his cell; the other is not yet captured.

New Orleans, 27.—Parker White was stabbed and killed by his father-in-law, Sylvester Gray; both colored.

Raleigh, N. C., 27.—This morning Henry Jones was hanged for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Alvin H. Blake last year. The execution was private. Jones made a profession of religion, and was remarkably self-possessed before the execution and on the gallows. Jones was 23 years old. He leaves a wife and infant.

Detroit, 27.—Evidence is now very strong to show that A. A. Atherton, county treasurer of Roscommon county has skipped with funds to the amount of about \$18,000.

Baltimore, 27.—Daniel F. White fatally shot Jos. James to-night in a quarrel, both colored, and young men.

Savannah, Ga., 26.—Henry Hertel and wife, German shopkeepers, were found to-day murdered in their store. Customers went to the store this morning, and found it closed. Peeping through the blinds they saw Hertel on the floor in a pool of blood. The door was burst in, and the man found lying in the middle of the room, with a handkerchief tied over his eyes and his skull crushed in; his wife was found in a calico wrapper, lying on a sofa in the parlor, with her throat cut, and one arm severed. An immense crowd collected, and the police were notified. Hertel was supposed to have a large sum of money. Hertel and his wife were middle-aged, and highly respected Germans. There is intense excitement.

Pittsburg, 27.—The report of the inspection of prisons of Allegheny County by the Woman's Auxiliary Committee to the State Board of Charities, just forwarded to Harrisburg, makes startling revelations in regard to the Pittsburg jail. The report characterizes the cells as chambers of horrors, and condemns the jail as outrageous. In cells which were only intended for two persons, as many as nine prisoners have been crowded at one time, and they are dark and badly ventilated.

Portsmouth, N. H., 26.—The cause of malarial fever in Little Bear's Head, Rye Beach and vicinity, is traceable to the cottage occupied by Louis, who died the other day. A well was sunk near the base of the hill, while a cesspool for the reception of refuse was located higher up the hill. The water of the well is now very offensive. Two summer residents have already died and another is not expected to live.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 28.—Henry S. Mitchell and an unknown person; both of Boston, had their skulls crushed at Rosbrook tunnel while stealing a ride upon the top of a sleeper on the Hudson River Railroad.

Boston, 28.—An alarm was rung

in the morning for a fire in a two-story tenement house, 68 Thatcher's Court. The house was owned by the heirs of Dennis Dolan and occupied by eight families. The fire spread rapidly and before the inmates could be taken out four were smothered and one fatally injured by jumping from the building. The killed are George and Thomas McLaughlin, aged 14 and 11; Mrs. Dr. Ed. Savage, aged 40; Katie and Minnie Savage, 13 and 8 months respectively. Cries for help from persons imprisoned amid the flames were heartrending, but people in the street could do nothing towards saving them. The flames were subdued in less than half an hour.

John Savage was the first to discover the fire, gave the alarm, and jumped to the ground, a distance of thirty feet; he had one leg badly hurt. John McLaughlin was awakened by the cries of Savage, and saved his wife and girls, and two of his boys, Willie and James. In his second attempt to return, he was driven back by the flames. Little George McLaughlin reached a point above a roof of canvas, spread in the street below, and he was told by his father to jump into his arms. The boy bravely jumped, missed the canvas, and was fatally injured. His mother, crazed with anguish, attempted three times to enter the burning building to save her other boy, and received such injuries that she is not expected to live. Mrs. Savage and her children Katie and Mamie were suffocated, and their bodies found where they had been sleeping.

The fire was undoubtedly started in Savage's apartments and is believed to have been caused by a kerosene lamp which one of the brothers threw at the other. It is thought John McIntosh may have had a hand in causing the fire. John Flynn, who slept in a room near that occupied by the Savages, states that just before the fire broke out he heard some one cry, "For God's sake don't throw that lamp." McIntosh and the two Savages were arrested this afternoon, and held for arson.

Providence, 27.—Jno. W. Bigelow, of New York, was found dead in bed at his cottage in New York on Sunday. It is rumored he suicided on account of financial difficulties, but the doctor and family deny the theory.

Cincinnati, 27.—Harry Packard, of Hartford, Conn., an employee of Barnum's, was crushed this morning by one of the elephants. He died at the hospital.

Cincinnati, 27.—*Times-Star* London, Ohio, special: Wm. Nickers, a colored boy, deliberately threw himself on the track before a rapidly moving freight train this morning, and was instantly killed.

New York, 27.—A fire on West 56th street destroyed \$65,000 worth of property. The principal loss was the wool pulling factory of Hiram Hollis of Boston.

New York, 27.—This morning a large tank containing several thousand gallons of oil exploded in the South Brooklyn oil works. The burning oil ran in every direction. John Reynolds, an old man, was overtaken by the burning stream and it is thought fatally burned; Jos. H. Dennis was burned about the face; Michael Cavanaugh about the body; Samuel Love, fireman, thrown from an engine on the way to the fire and severely injured. Before the firemen arrived another tank exploded, setting fire to the entire works. The flames continued spreading until the buildings were in ruins. The works were owned by Borne, Serymser & Co. Their loss on buildings, machinery and stock is about \$60,000. Hardly had the firemen reached the engine houses when another alarm sounded. Sparks from the oil works had ignited the sulphur works of Samuel Gray, at Ninth Street, and Gowanus Canal. Before the flames were extinguished the damage done was estimated at \$25,000, insured. The oil works were uninsured.

Larned, Ks., 26.—Thirty-four head of cattle died here from Texas fever. They came from near Fort Scott. No others are sick, and no other branches are affected. There is no fever now in this section.

Williamsport, Pa., 27.—A fire this evening in the saw mill of Finley, Young & Co. quickly destroyed the office of the firm and of Merriam & Sons, then entered the lumber yards and burned over a square, destroying a large quantity of lumber and piles. At midnight the fire is still burning, but with prospect of soon being subdued. Several dwellings and barns are also burned. It is estimated from 2,000,000 to 3,500,

000 feet of lumber burned. Total loss estimated at \$500,000. The fire could not be checked until it reached the limits of the lumber piles.

Galveston, 27.—*News* San Antonio special: Gross & Co.'s building was destroyed by fire to-night; loss, \$200,000; insurance, \$91,000. Hugo & Smeltzer, grocers, \$100,000; insurance \$60,000; Gross & Co., bankers, \$40,000; insurance, \$18,000; Sanning & Stonden, 30,000, insured; Dun's Mercantile Agency, \$1,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. Three men were quite badly burned, and two firemen somewhat injured. At midnight it is still burning, but is thought to be under control. The building was one of the handsomest blocks in the town.

KANSAS CITY, 27.—*Times* Gallatin special: The day in Gallatin has been a quiet one, marked only by the discussion of the status of the Frank James case. The impression is generally growing that Dick Liddell's testimony given yesterday will prove a clincher if corroborated in a majority of its details, and this the prosecution proclaims it is prepared to do. Dick's story has been confirmed as to the events in Tennessee by witnesses from that State. It is generally considered that the State is making out a strong case. The defense will make a tremendous effort to break down Liddell's testimony when their turn comes.

James received a good many callers at the jail to-day. The belief is positive that Frank really intended giving up train-robbing and was in earnest in seeking an honest livelihood near Nashville. The capture of Ryan alarmed the gang, and having let out, as Liddell expressed it, Jesse undoubtedly persuaded Frank to quit the business. Hard luck at farming may also have had its influence.

Liddell was asked if in company with Jesse James, Wood Hite and Jim Cummings, he did not meet Gen. Joe Shelby in a lane near Shelby's house just after the Winston robbery, and Shelby said to Jesse, "I thought you were dead." Jesse replied, "You see I am not." "Where is Frank?" asked the General. "His health is so bad that he has been south several years," replied Jesse, and did not witness say he had not seen Frank James for two years? Witness answered that he had not seen General Shelby since the robbery until he met him in Kansas City last Thursday. Witness further denied that he had talked with several other persons that Frank James was not in the Winston Robbery. Witness related his negotiations with the Governor to surrender, and his willingness to reveal the secrets of the gang.

Kansas City, 27.—A *Times* Gallatin special says: Court re-assembled at 1.30 p.m. The cross-examination of Dick Liddell was resumed. On redirect examination he testified that each member of the gang at the Winston robbery had two pistols. Just after they left the ground Frank reloaded, saying he and Jesse had fired several shots. This ended Liddell's testimony.

W. L. Earthman, recalled, testified that Frank when in Tennessee, wore long whiskers, having a full beard.

J. T. Ford, father of Charles and Robert testified that he met defendant at Mr. Bolton's in July, 1881. Charlie introduced defendant as Hall, and witness knew then that Hall was Frank James, and that officers were looking for him. Witness denied he had ever said that Frank James was not in the Winston or Blue Cut robberies.

Elias Ford was sworn: Knew Frank James as Hall; met him at Charles Ford's in June and July, 1881.

Mrs. Bolton sworn: First saw Frank James at my brother Charles' house in May, 1881; went to Jefferson City to negotiate with Governor Crittenden for the surrender of Dick Liddell. The Governor was to pardon him if he would betray the James gang. A raid was made on witness's house by officers about the 1st of January. Dick Liddell surrendered January 10th. Witness then went over the same ground as her predecessors regarding the coming and going of the gang at her house.

At the conclusion of her testimony, court adjourned.

VANDALIA, Ill., 28.—A fatal encounter occurred early this morning near London City, between Louis Phillips and Jacob Rosenbrook, in which the latter was killed instantly and the former wounded so badly that he died a few hours after. The affair had its origin in a grudge of long standing, growing out of disrespectful remarks made by Phillips concerning Rosenbrook's

sister. Each time they met they quarrelled, and yesterday morning they decided to settle the matter in a duel with pistols, to be fought at six o'clock this morning at the place mentioned. They chose as seconds Mark Swank and Jack Wren, who were present and witnessed the shooting. Rosenbrook fired the first shot, the ball entering Phillips' mouth, who staggered, but before falling, discharged his weapon, the ball taking effect at one side of Rosenbrook's mouth, ranging upward through his head. Both of the duellists were young men, Phillips being 22 years of age and a school teacher. Neither of the seconds has yet been arrested.

TRENTON, N. J., 28.—The *Times* states that Captain John J. Hall, alleged defaulting contractor of the Pennsylvania Railway was seen in Denver, Colorado, on Wednesday last, by a friend, and he told the latter he was on his way to New Mexico. Further investigation shows that Hall's indebtedness is even greater than at first supposed. The Pennsylvania railway officials are unable to estimate the amount of the loss as yet.

WASHINGTON, 28.—There are now 48,049 postoffices in the United States, of which number 2,167 are Presidential offices, and 6,273 money order offices. Since the year 1876 the number of postoffices has been increased 70 per cent.

Investigation into the facts connected with the loss and subsequent recovery of \$10,000 in National Bank notes at the Treasury Department shows that the notes had been cancelled and were useless to any finder, and no loss in any event could have occurred to the department. The loss was purely accidental, and no blame can justly be attached to any clerk or employee in the Treasury.

Another case of alleged attempted swindling of pension claimants was brought to light to-day by the arrest of Gould P. Austin, discharged clerk in the pension office, who it is said has been writing to applicants for pension, representing himself as still connected with the Department and able to secure favorable action on their claims. A quantity of official paper and envelopes, and a mass of correspondence was found at his room when arrested, and he was held in \$1,500 bonds to appear in court. The specified charge against him is that he opened correspondence of the character described with Mrs. Pelan Richardson.

Railway postoffice service on the Northern Pacific railway has been ordered between Missoula and Helena, Montana. It takes effect the 2nd proximo. This will make continuous railroad postal service via the Northern Pacific railroad from St. Paul to Portland, a distance of 920 miles.

Gen. Sherman has recommended that the 21st Infantry now on the Pacific, with headquarters at Fort Vancouver, Washington Territory, change stations with the 10th Infantry, now on the lake with headquarters at Detroit. If approved by the Secretary of War, the change will be made this fall.

NEW YORK, 28.—The following dispatch was received: The steamer *Riverdale* burst her boiler and sank at 22nd Street, North River, this afternoon. Over 90 lives were lost.

At about 10 minutes to 4 this afternoon, people who were in the neighborhood of 14th Street and North River were startled by the sound of an explosion coming from the direction of the river. Looking in mid stream they saw the Hudson steamer *Riverdale* enveloped in steam. Less than six minutes afterwards she keeled to the side, and capsized opposite 16th Street, she having floated that far.

There were over 100 passengers on board the *Riverdale* when she left the foot of Harrison street for Haverstraw. Some of these were hurled into the air and then fell back into the water; others were compelled to jump into the river to escape the hissing, scalding steam that filled all parts of the vessel or to avoid going down with her. The cause of the disaster was the explosion of the boiler, which was amidships. When the boiler burst the air was filled with flying debris and broken woodwork, and the pilot house snapped like a pipestem and toppled over into the water.

About 50 people lost their lives. Some were blown into eternity and others met their death by being drawn down by the whirlpool caused by the sinking of the vessel. Those who were floating or swimming about in the river were picked up by tugs and row boats that came to the rescue. Three bodies were

also brought in by the boats. Mrs. Blisson, of Tarrytown, N. Y., an unknown man, and a boy whose identity has not been ascertained, were taken to the morgue.

Injured—Howard Gardener, Yorkere, New York, taken to New York hospital; John Kelly, deck hand, of Englewood, N. J., arms broken, taken to New York hospital; John Moran, deck hand of Williamsburg, N. Y., legs and side crushed, taken to New York hospital; Thomas J. Saul, passenger, 274 Somers Street, Brooklyn, taken to New York hospital; John Battias, mate of the vessel, left thigh badly crushed, taken to New York hospital; John Giles of this city; twenty-four were badly scalded, in an extremely critical condition were taken to the New York hospital. The firemen, several engineers, hook and ladder companies were called out and did good service, as did also members of the steamboat squad.

Policeman Michael Killelea, of Charles Street station, was first to get to the wounded. Fireman Adams was brought on shore from the boat at the foot of Twelfth Street. "I never saw a man in such suffering," said the officer, "and I hope I may not witness another such sight. The poor fellow squirmed and his flesh was coming off in blisters. I called at once on the ambulance driver nearest me and had the unfortunate man sent to St. Vincent's Hospital. I then went in search of the other wounded persons, and when I came to the foot of Fourteenth Street, I saw a man pulling rapidly to the wharf, his boat containing the body of a woman whose legs were evidently broken. She must have been crushed by fallen timbers while sitting on the deck, and been blown overboard."

The most trustworthy accounts place the number of killed from three to six. There is reason to believe nearly all had a chance of escape. The engineer was about to enter the engine room to stop up, as another steamboat was at their landing, when a rumble was heard proceeding from the boiler, and in a moment a horrible explosion occurred, blowing out the entire side of the vessel, and leaving only the helpless sinking hull. Tugs and small boats put out in swarms from New York and the Jersey shore, and began the work of rescuing the drowning passengers and crew. The number saved shows how efficient their work was. The *Reliance*, a coal tar boat, was near the *Riverdale* when she blew up, and immediately began the work of rescuing the drowning people. Her crew drew nearly 40 from the water. Other steamers and tugs hastened to the scene, and so quickly did they reach it that it is thought none of those who escaped injury by the explosion had time to drown.

The following is a list of those known to be killed or injured: Mrs. Julia Sesson, aged 68, of Tarrytown, N. Y., thrown into the water and drowned; her grandson jumped overboard, and her aged husband was pulled through the rear window of the sinking boat by the crew of a tug; Thomas Gregg, aged 82, of this city, body found wedged in on the port side of the vessel, his body was taken to the morgue, where he was identified. Mr. Gregg was in company of an ex-sea captain named Voorhees, who escaped with difficulty, after seeing a raft he made out of benches swamped by the inconsiderate haste of three dudes he called them. These are the only ones positively known to be lost. John Croet, fireman, is missing and believed to have been killed. He feared others who have not yet been reported were also lost, but their number is not believed to be very large.

List of the injured: Geo. A. Deemes, age 24, fireman; he was rescued but so fearfully injured that he can not live; in his lucid moments he stated there were 100 passengers on board, and he knew nothing of any trouble until he found himself drowning.

Orville Gardner, the evangelist, aged 58, Brooklyn, was scalded over the body and taken to New York hospital; his injuries are not believed to be fatal.

Thos. J. Boule, aged 36, Brooklyn, was found on board badly scalded on the head and arms.

Nicholas Sinclair, 45, mate of the *Riverdale*, right thigh broken.

To-morrow the wreck will be raised and towed ashore where a full examination can be made. Officers of the steamer do not believe any more bodies will be found in it, but there is no certainty that this belief is well founded.

Of the passengers aboard the