

fusion prevailed among the clerks and soon the halls were filled with excited girls and women. The chiefs of departments remained cool, however, and in a few minutes all valuable papers and records were locked up in the fire proof vaults.

The senate chamber was speedily gutted and all the expensive frescoing ruined. Captain Williams, custodian of the capitol, said there were heavy fire walls between the north wing and the dome and that there was no possible danger of fire reaching the dome. He also said there was no possible chance for the fire to reach the south wing. At 1:45 p. m. the flames were under control. It is estimated the damage to the senate wing will amount to \$75,000 to \$100,000. Most of the damage will result from smoke and water.

**RAWLINS, Wyo., April 13.**—At Rock Springs, Wyo., Charles McDougal, night watchman of Rock Springs and deputy sheriff of Sweetwater county, was shot and killed by the bartender in George Harris's saloon about 2 o'clock this morning. The bartender accused McDougal of being too intimate with his wife. The men began shooting at each other, both emptying their guns. McDougal received a wound in the right breast, from the effects of which he died in less than an hour. The bartender was shot through the left hand. The shooting occurred in the saloon.

**DENVER, April 13.**—A special *Times* from Rock Springs, Wyoming, says:

Charles McDougall, Deputy Sheriff, was shot and instantly killed by Bartender Wayne Rose, in George Harris's saloon about 2 a. m., today. The bartender accused McDougall of being too intimate with the former's wife. They began shooting at each other. McDougall received a wound in the right breast, from the effects of which he died in an hour. The bartender was shot through the left hand.

**CARSON, Nev., April 13.**—John T. Jones was arrested this afternoon on complaint of Special Agent Harris, charged with taking \$77,000 from the mint. Bail was fixed at \$25,000. Heney, another suspect in San Francisco, has hired W. W. Foote to defend him, with William Woodburn assisting. Jones gave bail with H. M. Yerlugin, ex-Governor Colcord, John Roser and Leslie Bell sureties. Four more complaints are on file. The preliminary examination comes off Thursday before Judge Hawley.

**CHICAGO, April 13.** The chief of the secret service of the treasury reports that investigation into the shortage at the Carson mint had culminated today in the arrest of a man who is supposed to be responsible for one of the most skillfully contrived plans to defraud the government ever carried into execution. The following telegram was received by Chief Hazen from one of the agents of the bureau on the scene.

**CARSON, Nev., April 13.**—Have arrested John T. Jones, ex-first assistant minter and refiner of Carson City mint, this day for feloniously taking and carrying away gold and silver metals, property of the United States, of the value of \$77,000. Bail \$15,000. De-

pendant in custody of United States marshal.

(Signed)

HARRIS.

The Secret Service agents have been working upon the cases for six weeks, and have drawn the lines so closely around the official who is under arrest that Chief Hazen feels reasonably certain that his conviction will be brought about.

**SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.**—A horrible crime was unearthed today at the Emanuel Baptist church in this city. One of the Sunday school teachers, with her scholars, entering the church to arrange the Easter decorations, found the body of a young girl frightfully mutilated in the pastor's study adjoining the main auditorium. Her clothing were torn and disheveled, and she had evidently been outraged before she was killed.

The body was subsequently identified as that of Miss Minnie Williams, residing in Alameda, but a member of Emanuel church in this city. She was about 18 years of age and remarkably pretty. She left her employer's residence yesterday afternoon to attend a festival in the church last evening, remaining all night with her friends and assist in the decorations. She wore her best frock, and carried an older dress to wear while working in the church. When the entertainment closed last evening, she is presumed to have entered a closet adjoining the study to change her attire. The sexton, collecting every one he had gone, turned out the lights and left the church.

The girl had two male friends, a dental student whom she had not seen lately, and a dental student whom she once said had insulted her, and whom her friends suspect of the murder. The student, whose name is Durant, wrote her yesterday asking her to meet him in San Francisco last night. Miss Williams was suspicious, and refused a rendezvous, but said she would be at the festival in the church where Durant could see and converse with her. Both Miss Williams and Durant were at the festival. No one saw either of them leave the church at its conclusion.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 14.**—The Emanuel Baptist church, on Bartlett street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third, in this city, has been the scene of two of the most atrocious murders ever committed in the state. Yesterday the mutilated and murdered body of Minnie Williams was found in the library of the edifice. Today the nude body of Blanche Lamont was found in the tower of the same church. The same hand, the authorities believe, slew both girls, and W. H. T. Durant, the young man suspected of both crimes, is in custody.

Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams were members of the Emanuel Baptist church and members of the Sunday school class. The former was a pupil at the Normal school on Powell street in this city; the latter was a companion in a family in Alameda, across the bay from the city. Both were 21 years old, brunettes, and pretty and modest girls. Both had been the recipients to attention from a young medical student named W. H. T. Durant, who is also the librarian of the church and

secretary of the Young People's Society of the church.

As soon as the news became known, immense crowds surrounded the church and had to be kept back by the police. The chief of police sent for Rev. Dr. Gibson, pastor of the church, and the report became current that he had been accused of the crimes and had been arrested. Great crowds surged to Dr. Gibson's house and the excitement soon spread all over the city. Extra papers were gotten out, and thousands of people flocked to the scene from all over the city. The rumor of the arrest was later denied and it became known that Dr. Gibson and the sexton of the church had been merely called before the police to tell what they knew.

At 5 o'clock came the news that Durant had been arrested at Walnut Creek, on the road to Mount Diablo. He was caught by Detective Anthony, who left in pursuit of him early this morning. The detective and his prisoner left on the next train for San Francisco, where they arrived this evening. Another immense crowd had gathered at the ferries to see the suspected murderer come in, but a detachment of police was in waiting and they kept the crowd back. Durant was hustled into a patrol wagon and whirled away to the city prison, where he was locked up.

The police are certain that they have the right man.

**LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 14.**—The Hotel Raymond, at Pasadena, ten miles from Los Angeles, was totally destroyed by fire at 3:30 this afternoon. Not a stick of the famous resort is left. The hotel was crowded with tourists, but they all escaped with their lives, although wardrobe and other possessions were entirely consumed. The cause of the fire is not yet known. The Raymond was one of the most famous health resorts in the United States. It was a very large structure, built entirely of wood, and was located on a hill, commanding a magnificent view of the San Gabriel valley.

**PARIS, Tex., April 14.**—War has broken loose in the eastern portion of the Choctaw nation. Ever since the Jones-Locke feud of two years ago, the deadliest enmity has prevailed between parties of different political beliefs. News travels slowly in that isolated section, and it was only a couple of weeks ago that the full blood Choctaws, who cannot speak English, learned of the troubles that existed between Governor Jones and Dick Locke.

Last Monday Arnold Ieliche was shot down by some unknown party in his own yard. He had been an avowed friend of Governor Jones, and was a man of influence in the community. His assassination aroused the whole community, and the Copper boys who had always been warm friends of Locke, were suspected of the crime.

**NEW YORK, April 15.**—The body of James W. Scott, the proprietor of the Chicago *Times-Herald*, who died at Holland house yesterday, was placed in the casket at noon today. The body will go to Chicago on the North Shore Limited from Grand Central station this afternoon. In addition to Mrs. Scott and Miss Grace Hatch, the remains will be accompanied by G. F. Randall, the business representative of