TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

THE BARNABY MURDER.

Trial of Dr. Graves Charged with the Awful Crime.

DENVER, Dec. 8.—The trial of Dr. Graves, charged with the murder of Mrs. Barnaby, was resumed to-day. District Attorney Stevens made the opening address. He gave a graphic account of Mrs. Barnaby's life from the time of her marriage, her friendship for Graves, and the final misunderstanding, and her unfortunate trip West and death in this city. He then proceeded to show the jury upon what facts and circumstances he relied for the conviction of the defendant. He said: "It is a fact which we will establish to your satisfaction that at the time Mrs. Barnaby reached Denver on this last fatal trip, it was her intention to take from Dr. Graves all the property and money in his control and invest it in business in this city, and that she was also seriously thinking of changing her will and cutting off Graves, who was a beneficiary to the extent of $25,000, and also drawing an annual salary from her of $5,000. We are prepared to prove that the package containing the fatal bottle was mailed in Boston, stamped with stamps purchased in Providence, and it is evident that this was done for the purpose of misleading the recipient. The address and inscription on the package was in a disguised handwriting, which we are satisfied we will be able to prove to you is the hand of Dr. Graves."

Stevens concluded: "We will show you, gentlemen, that Graves is the only person in the world who would have any motive for the destruction of this lady. We will show by circumstantial evidence that this bottle of Fowler's solution was procured and mailed by the defendant. We propose that this prosecution shall stand upon its merits without regard to what defence is interposed."

THE CONGRESS.

Committees on Rules and Drawing for Seats, Etc.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—On motion of Holman the clerk was directed to inform the Senate that the House had elected its Speaker and a quorum was present, and that it was now ready for the transaction of business.

On motion of Springer, the Speaker appointed Blount, Reed and Breckinridge (Kentucky), as a committee to join a similar one from the Senate, to inform the President that Congress was in session, with a quorum present.

Resolutions were adopted directing the Speaker to appoint committees on rules, accounts, enrolled bills and mileage, each to consist of the same number of members as in the Fiftieth Congress, and referring the rules of the last Congress to the committee on rules. The order of the daily meeting of the House shall be 12 o'clock.

The House then proceeded to the drawing for seats. A resolution, the effect of which was to permit Reed, Holman and O'Neil (Pa.) to select their seats in advance, was adopted.

At the conclusion of the call the House adjourned.

THE SENATE.

Another recess was taken to 2 o'clock, after the appointment of Sherman and Harris as a committee to join the House committee in the visit to the President.

At 2:20 o'clock the Senate adjourned until tomorrow.

Questions Growing Out of the Attitude of the Clergy.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—A cabinet meeting was held today for the purpose of considering the impending questions growing out of the attitude of the clergy. It was decided that Fallieres, minister of justice and public worship, should announce in the Chamber of Deputies that the government intends to keep the bishops and clergy within the limits of their functions, but that there is no question of a separation of church and state.

Crisp and Free Coinage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Sherman Hoar of Massachusetts, when asked why he did not vote for speaker on roll call today, said: "Last fall I stated that, in the coming contest for speakership, I will vote for no candidate who would not promise his influence, if elected speaker, against the consideration of bad financial legislation and the extension of silver coinage. When Crisp became the candidate of the party I sent to him and asked him to give me his promise, which he declined to do. There was then nothing for me to do but refrain from voting for him. In my judgment, however, he will do exactly what he refused to promise to do, namely, use his influence as speaker against the consideration of measures looking to the extension of the coinage of silver. I feel fairly sure that such will be his action, but, as I could not get his promise, he could not get my vote.

The French Navy.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—In the debate on the naval estates in the Deputies today Barbey, minister of marine, said that the building of ships for the navy continues with unabated activity, and that, within ten years, eighty-one ships would be built, including six ironclads and fifty swift cruisers. Next year's navy would have over 200 torpedo boats. France, he said, was the only nation that had solved the problem of submarine navigation, and would soon possess a submarine navy that would give results as yet unattained. New quick-firing guns, with an effectiveness superior to anything ever before achieved, had also been added to the armaments of the republic. In view of the extent of the preparations and readiness for war, France ought to feel secure, he said. The speech was received with enthusiastic applause.

The Senate, in spite of Minister Roche's protests, placed a tariff of twenty-five francs on refined petroleum.

Arrest of a Grand Jury.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8.—The *Times-Democrat's* San Antonio, Tex., special says: There was considerable excitement here today over the arrest of the grand jury. There is a fine of fifty dollars hanging over each member, imposed by Judge King, who held that they were in contempt in serving an attachment on him while he was on the bench. The attorney acting in their behalf left here tonight with a petition to the supreme court, in session at Tyler, for a writ of habeas corpus. Meantime the grand jurymen are in jail. An indignation meeting was held by those in sympathy with the jury tonight. Most of the lawyers say that the action of Judge King is correct; that the grand jury had no right to summon a judge on the bench to appear as a malefactor.

The Murder of Mrs. Leggenhager.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The mystery of the murder of Mrs. Leggenhager and son a couple of weeks ago, was partly cleared up today, and Herman Kratz is under arrest, accused of being one of the perpetrators of the double murder. The police and coroner have been at variance as to whether the mother or son suicided after slaying the other, or whether both were murdered by a thief or desperate debtor. Today, when the inquest was about finished, Kratz betrayed nervousness upon being questioned about his financial relations with Mrs. Leggenhager, as well as his movements at the time of her death. Probably the method of the murder will be brought to light by the discovery of the rubber in the rooms where the bodies lay, and it is believed that mother and son were smothered to death. Kratz is the husband of the dead woman's step-daughter. The police are investigating the whereabouts of his two brothers, neither of whom have a most enviable record. A curious fact is that Kratz's father and uncle years ago fought each other with knives after a quarrel. The uncle killed his man, went insane and died in an asylum. What relation if any Kratz's wife has to the murder of her stepmother and brother does not appear, but it is known that the girl had bitterly complained of the dead woman's miserly habits.

In Jail for Stage Robbery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Joseph McKay, in jail at Ukiah for robbing the Eureka and Ukiah stage November 15th, has been discovered to be the son of Joaquin Miller, the "Poet of the Sierras." He is twenty-two years of age and a son of the poet by his first wife, a brilliant woman known as Minnie Myrtle. She died in New York a few years ago. Joaquin Miller does not have anything to do with the boy. The latter says his life might have been different, but he never was encouraged at school to make anything of himself. He worked on a ranch near Ukiah in the fall cutting wood, but told the sheriff that there was not much money in that and concluded to try stage robbing.

The Starving Russians.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 8.—Governor Merriam today issued a circular letter. Many thousand copies will be mailed throughout the State, setting forth the terrible destitution which exists in Russia, and asking that the people will do all in their power to mitigate the terrible suffering of the starving Russians.

The Launching of Another Gunboat.

BATH, Me., Dec. 8.—The United States gunboat heretofore known as "No. 5" was successfully launched this afternoon. She was christened the "Machias."

Probably eight thousand watched the sight. The "Machias" was decked with flags. On the decked platform were Miss Ethel Hyde, who was to christen the boat, Ex-Governors Connor and Robie. At 4 o'clock the ways were posted and she began to slide slowly into the Kennebec. She will be fitted for service by July. Her sister craft will not be launched before March.

To Extinguish Prairie Fires.

An inventive genius of North Dakota has just patented a device for making a fire break to fight prairie fires with. It is a sheet iron contrivance five feet wide and seven feet long and about two feet high. On top of it are three circular reservoirs for holding gasoline. Underneath is arranged a series of burners designed to set fire to the grass as the machine passes over it. The main part of the apparatus is followed by a sheet iron trailer in three sections, each five by seven feet.

While the first two of these are passing over the grass it is supposed to be well consumed, and the final trailer is designed to extinguish every particle of fire. The invention is awakening much interest among the ranchmen, many of whom believe the machine will prove impracticable because it will not securely confine the fire and it will thereby cause serious conflagrations. The inventor claims it will safely burn a strip five feet wide and twenty-five miles long in one day. Four horses will be required to draw the apparatus.—New York Telegram.

The Dead Returned.

The announcement of the suicide of Dr. F. D. Clarke, in Chicago, led to a sensational incident when Dr. H. V. Oldfield entered Fenwick's restaurant to take his dinner next day. With one accord the people arose from their chairs. "Has the grave yielded up its dead?" was the query on every face. Dr. Oldfield looked startled himself. He turned red, then white, and tottered to the desk. The gentlemanly attendant drew back. At last one courageous man approached the desk and said, "Are you not dead?" This brought out an explanation.

Dr. Oldfield bought Dr. F. D. Clarke's business here two years ago, and, owing to the reputation of the place, continued the old name. Oldfield is in feature, form, manner and voice the exact counterpart of the Chicago specialist.—Detroit Cor. Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Sickness in the Jury Room.

The sanctity of a jury room appears to be so well guarded that even in case of sudden sickness a physician may not enter except after due process of law. In the Foss will case, tried recently in Boston, the jury were deliberating, when late one evening one of them was suddenly attacked with what proved to be a stroke of apoplexy. The officer in charge notified the deputy sheriff, who not having authority to let any one into the jury room, drove across the city and informed the sheriff, but even this official was not high enough to act, and another expedition started in search of the judge. As the latter happened to be at home, the requisite order was obtained to summon a doctor.—Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.

Irrelevant Theft.

An Arkansas man is seeking the passage of a law which shall punish what he calls "irrelevant theft" more severely than other species of larceny. The stealing of a valuable copy of Shakespeare by a teamster first moved him to advocate such a statute. Among other things he says:

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