

## A REGULAR BOY.

He was not at all particular  
To keep his perpendicular  
While walking, for he either skipped or  
jumped.  
He stood upon his head awhile,  
And when he went to bed awhile.  
He dove among the pillows, which he  
thumped.  
He never could keep still a bit;  
The lookers-on thought ill of it;  
He balanced on his ear the kitchen broom;  
And did some neat trapezing.  
Which was wonderfully pleasing.  
On every peg in grandpa's harness room.  
From absolute insanity,  
The cat approaches insanity  
To see him slide the banisters, so rash;  
But once on that mahogany,  
While trying to toboggan, he  
Upset his calculations with a crash!  
And since that sad disaster  
He has gone about in plaster—  
Not of Paris, like a nice Italian toy;  
But the kind the doctor uses  
When the humps and cuts and bruises  
Overcome a little regular live boy.  
—St. Nicholas Magazine.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 19.**—The coroner's inquest is endeavoring to get at the bottom facts in Saturday night's massacre.

## THE EXCITEMENT

still runs very high. The people are divided over the action of the officers. U. p. m.—The town is still in a state of excitement. A very remarkable feature is that nearly every man killed was shot in the back, showing that the crowd turned away when the firing began. Several funerals took place this afternoon.

The lake is being drained in search for little Ada's body.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, of which Hawes is a member, telegraphed that they have engaged detectives to work up the case. They believe Hawes is innocent and that the colored woman Fannie Buant and Albert Patterson murdered and robbed Mrs. Hawes, and then killed the children.

Many men are on the streets, but it is thought the trouble is over.

It is reported that Hawes has made a

## FULL CONFESSION

of his crime.  
In addition to the injured whose names were given last night, there are a large number of people who received slight but not disabling wounds, and are not therefore reported at the hospital. Certain prominent officials in the city have telegraphed Governor Seay that they consider it necessary for him to be here and have asked him to come at once. The governor will no doubt investigate the situation personally and make arrangements for the removal of Hawes and Sheriff Smith and for the relief of the soldiers. Many telegrams concerning the situation passed today between Governor Seay and the authorities. Governor Seay's order to dismiss the troops will not be given until Coroner Ebbitt, now acting-sheriff, says they are no longer needed.

The funeral of Postmaster Throckmorton and other victims took place this afternoon with impressive ceremonies.

## SHERIFF SMITH

still holds to the statement that he did not give the word to fire until shots were fired on the outside, and that at least a dozen shots were fired by the crowd before the officers fired.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 10.**—A special to the American from Birmingham says: Governor Seay arrived here tonight and is now in conference with Colonel Jones. He says from the reports he has received he thinks Sheriff Smith did his duty.

**BALTIMORE, Dec. 10.**—Last night a man and woman engaged a room at a small East End hotel. Nothing was seen of them till this afternoon when the room door was broken open. The man was dead and the woman nearly so from asphyxiation. They were identified as Chas. E. Ellison, a young workman, and Mrs. Lillie May Ellison, his sister-in-law.

**CHICAGO, Dec. 11.**—An explosion occurred at the oatmeal mills at the corner of Halstead and Fulton streets at 2 o'clock this morning and the building is now burning. It is reported at the police station that several lives are lost. Particulars soon.

## LATER.

Shortly before 2 o'clock this morning, an explosion took place in Oliver's Oatmeal Mills, a three-story brick building on Halstead Street, near Fulton. The mill was surrounded by a number of frame buildings and the roof of the mill was raised in the air and fell upon several of the buildings, crushing them. No lives are known to have been lost, however, outside of the night force employed in the mill. Of these Charles Miller, engineer, and John Smith and Ernest Casper, millers, are known to be in the ruins. John Holmes, another miller, was blown out of the second story into the street and picked up fatally injured. The fire which ensued lasted an hour. The greatest damage next to the building itself will be in the destruction of window glass in the vicin-

ity. The entire fronts of buildings for a block on either side of the mills are cracked and windows broken. A rough estimate places the loss at \$100,000.

## AT WORK ON THE RUINS.

**CHICAGO, Dec. 11.**—A battalion of twenty firemen and over a hundred volunteers are at work clearing away the ruins of last night's explosion. Ernest Casper, one of the three known to be dead, was at work in the engine cupola at the time the cupola was lifted almost entire and thrown a distance of sixty feet upon the south side of the street. The mutilated form of Casper is somewhere under the wreck. John Christensen, a kilnman, is the second known victim; his body has not been found. Charles Miller, the engineer, was also buried under the debris. The proprietor and manager of the mill were on the ground early this morning, but have been unable to learn positively the cause of the explosion. Each thinks oatmeal dust may have caused it, but the terrific force is unprecedented if this theory be accepted. No other reasonable explanation is offered, however. Plate glass was shattered and buildings were shaken a mile away. Loss, \$100,000.

## A BODY.

supposed to be that of Engineer Miller, was unearthed at 11 o'clock, badly burned and mangled. It had been thrown a considerable distance. The boilers were uncovered and found intact, so the explosion was certainly of mill dust. The police say no dynamite was used.

**CHICAGO, Dec. 11.**—Two mysterious well dressed persons are under arrest supposed for complicity in the Shufeldt dynamite explosion yesterday. Nothing definite is to be learned.

**LONDON, Dec. 11.**—The Star says General Warren, lately chief of metropolitan police, is going to Suak m to settle affairs there after the fighting between the British forces and the Arabs is ended.

**HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.**—A fire occurred last night in Deputy Warden Kiefe's quarters in Dorchester penitentiary. Kiefe was suffocated and his wife had a narrow escape.

**ASBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 11.**—A heavy storm of raging wind is blowing inshore. Crews of the life-saving stations are patrolling the beach. It is thought considerable damage will be done at high tide this afternoon. A large quantity of coconuts came ashore this morning, supposed from wrecked vessels.

**RIVERHEAD, L. I., Dec. 11.**—Francis Ashbury Hawkins was hanged this morning for the murder of his mother, because she opposed his marriage with a young woman to whom he was engaged, Hattie Schreck. The deed was committed in October, 1897. Hawkins was connected with many prominent people here.

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 11.**—Excitement over the affair of Saturday night has abated. The troops are still here and will remain several days. Governor Seay came up from Montgomery last night. He says this morning that he will keep the troops here as long as there is any evident necessity for them. The coroner's investigation will begin this afternoon or tomorrow. There are no new developments of importance in the Hawes murder mystery.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.**—Orders were issued by the navy department for the United States steamers *Galena* and *Yantic* to sail from New York to tomorrow for Port au Prince, Hayti, to enforce the demand of this government for the release of the American steamer *Haytian Republic*. They will sail in company and be under the command of Rear Admiral Luce, who has been instructed to transfer the flag from the *Richmond* to the *Galena*. The owner of the *Haytian Republic*, by special permission of the Secretary of the Navy, will be a passenger on the *Galena*. It is therefore expected the vessel will be restored to him as soon as it gets into the possession of the naval officers.

Secretary Whitney declined to talk about the Haytian troubles, on the ground that there is nothing to add to what has already appeared in the newspapers.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 11.**—No orders had been received at the navy yard at 11 o'clock this morning for the *Galena* to sail; "but we may go at any hour," said Admiral Luce.

**LONDON, Dec. 11.**—At a meeting of the Parnell commission today, Inspector of Police Ardie testified in relation to the disturbed condition of County Mayo. He said the outrages increased after the issue of the anti-rent manifesto.

On cross-examination he said he knew that secret societies existed, but did not know the government supported such society as a counterforce to the league.

David Freely testified that because he paid rent, moonlighters visited his house and shot his son.

## CROSS-EXAMINED.

He had been a member of the local league until it was suppressed. Had no reason to believe the league implicated in the murder. The league and priests belonging to it denounced his son's murder. The league did not object to the payment of rents where a 25 per cent reduction had been made.

**ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 11.**—There has been an engagement between the state steamer *Governor McLane* and the fleet of oyster dredgers in Chester River. Two of the dredgers' boats were sunk and another was taken. One of the crew on the steamer *Gop-*

*McLane* was wounded. This is the first fight between the state fishery force and the dredgers since the steamers were provided with cannon. Captain Howard telegraphs that the fight was severe, and the steamer was riddled with balls. Captain Howard requested that help be sent at once. The steamer *Thomas*, Captain Laker, was sent immediately to his aid. The *McLane* carries a twelve-pound cannon.

**CHICAGO, Dec. 11.**—It is said the Interstate Commerce Commission have never before unearthed as much crookedness as was revealed by the present investigation. It appears that all the roads have been employing scalpers to sell their through tickets much below regular rates, thus permitting roads to quote higher proportionate rates for short distances. The commissioners decided that this must be stopped. It is said they will render a decision that the roads which cut rates through scalpers are guilty of violation of the law. The managers of the roads will be called before the commissioners today and will have the riot act read to them.

**ANNAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 11.**—Last night's fight at the mouth of Chester River may have resulted in a considerable loss of life, as Peter Mulien, cook on board the schooner *Julia A. Jones*, says he was the only man out of a crew of eleven to escape. The state vessels were hotly attacked by the dredgers, who were heavily armed with repeating rifles, and did not return fire until compelled to. The steamer *McLane* was thoroughly riddled with bullets, and Captain Howard determined to resort to extreme measures. Backing the steamer off from the fleet of seven dredgers, which were tied together, he singled out the *Julia A. Jones*, and putting on a full head of steam made directly for her stern, striking her fairly, and the

## SCHOONER SANK

almost instantly. Mulien escaped by clinging up the steamer's anchor chain, but says the rest of the crew were in the forepeak and could not have gotten out. As soon as the *McLane* got cleared from the wreck she was again backed off and again heard for the fleet striking the schooner *J. C. Maloney* squarely in the stern. She at once commenced to sink and the remainder of the fleet got away as fast as possible. Some of the crew of the *Maloney* escaped by climbing on board the *McLane*, and as each one came aboard he was put in the hold. A white man named Colman and a negro named Bramble, of the crew of the *Maloney*, are believed to have been drowned, as they were not seen after the vessels were struck. A large fleet of dredgers are reported to be on unlawful ground tonight and it is not unlikely there will be another fight before morning.

**PITTSBURG, Dec. 11.**—Miss Mollie Ross, an aged lady living near Uniontown, was

## HORRIBLY TORTURED

last night by burglars for the purpose of securing money she was supposed to have in the house. The rascals bound her with heavy cords and applied lighted candles to her feet and inflicted severe bruises upon her body with clubs.

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**CHICAGO, Dec. 11.**—A Times special from Rockford, Illinois, says: Mead Holmes, an alderman from the Second Ward of this city, who has been fighting the liquor interest and who is the projector of an ordinance now pending which absolutely prohibits the sale of liquor here, today received a communication signed "White Caps of Illinois," asking him to resign his position in the city council, and threatening him with bodily injury in case he did not do so. The police are investigating the matter.

## TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS.

**TAYLORSVILLE, Ill., Dec. 11.**—Chas. F. Henderson, a veterinary surgeon, was sentenced today to 28 years in the penitentiary for torturing 45 horses with sulphuric acid and croton oil during the progress of a political meeting held here Nov. 3d. Henderson made a confession in court. There was much excitement when the sentence was pronounced. Henderson was hurried off to Chester this afternoon.

**ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 11.**—A Republic's special from Beaver, Mo., says: The striking miners are becoming daily tonight and further trouble is anticipated. They threaten to build stockades and defy the militia. Only 45 of the latter are in town and considerable uneasiness prevails. Up to 2 a. m., however, all is quiet, and it is hoped no collision will occur tonight.

## A FAMILY MURDERED.

**ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.**—The Republic's special from Mount Pleasant, Texas, says: News was received from Cookville tonight that the dwelling of John B. King was burned early this morning, together with King, his wife and six children. It is believed all the family were murdered and the house set on fire to conceal the crime.

**BERLIN, Dec. 11.**—Count Heribert Bismarck's expected exposition of the government policy in East Africa was made to the foreign committee of the Reichstag today. Despite attempts at secrecy, it transpired that Count Herbert declared the government would take measures for the permanent security of

## GERMAN POSSESSIONS

in East Africa, but was not in a position to submit a positive plan, demanding the attention of the committee. He trusted that the Reichstag would show sympathy with German commercial enterprises in East Africa, an expression which was taken to mean that the government would incline to the support of the East Africa Company's volunteer land force project. The impression left by Count Herbert's statement is that the government's plans are not matured, and that Prince Bismarck is still corresponding with Lord Salisbury regarding land operations.

Lieutenant Wissman's preparations will be completed in a week. He proposes to start for Zanzibar in a fortnight, and has presented a report to the Emperor on the route and prospects of the expedition.

## THE CZAR.

through his ambassador at Berlin, Count Schouvaloff, has expressed irritation at the German hostility to the Russian loan. Count Schouvaloff was specially called to Gatchina last week to explain why the semi-official press attacked the loan. In the course of the interview, it is reported the Czar said the efforts to defeat the loan would be stopped if friendly relations between himself and Emperor William were desired; that the language of the German papers was personally offensive, and that he would hold the Berlin government responsible for it.

In the Reichstag today the bill for the erection of a national monument to William I passed its second reading. The socialist members had the bad taste and want of tact to vote against the bill.

## THE SOCIALISTS

attempted another street demonstration on Sunday after attempting to hold a meeting on the rights of women, which was dissolved by the police. The crowd traveled over Leipziger Strasse into Wilhelm Strasse, and proceeded toward Unter den Linden, singing the "Workmen's Marseillaise." The police finally dispersed the crowd and made several arrests.

The Emperor directs the attention of the chief of police to these demonstrations, which are made within hearing distance of the official residences, and the police are ordered to take vigorous measures to suppress such demonstrations.

Two medical students named Bluhme and Eichler fought a duel today with pistols. Bluhme was fatally wounded. The duel was the result of a quarrel over the merits of Dr. Mackenzie.

**CHICAGO, Dec. 11.**—Judge Cooley laid down the law to the managers and general passenger agents of the various railways today. About 200 officials assembled in the committee room of the Central Traffic Association to hear what the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission had to say. The judge unmercifully scored the roads that have been guilty of discrimination in passenger rates by dealing secretly with scalpers. He gave no names, but he gave them to understand he knew which were the guilty ones, and that he had sufficient evidence in his possession to convict them of frequent violations of the law. He told them that the pernicious practice would have to be stopped at once or the offenders would be prosecuted. Mr. Cooley talked for nearly an hour, and at the close of his speech Col. Morrison made a few remarks on the same subject. Immediately after adjournment a meeting of general passenger agents met and talked the matter over. The lines between Chicago and St. Paul and those between Chicago and Omaha agreed to give the necessary ten days' notice tomorrow of the reduction of passenger rates between these points.

## SWITCHMEN STRIKE.

**TOLEDO, O., Dec. 11.**—Twenty-five or thirty Pennsylvania switchmen struck today for an advance in wages. Their places were partially filled.

Switchmen in the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton and in the Toledo and Ohio Central yards, some eighty or ninety men in all, went out this afternoon, and the indications are the strike will extend further.

**DENVER, Dec. 11.**—A special from Canon City, Colorado, says: An explosion occurred in shaft No. 2 of the Canfield coal mine at 8:30 last night, resulting in the instant death of H. Wallace, the mine foreman, and Peter Galloway, and fatally wounding ten or twelve others. Of these James Wallace, brother of the foreman, and Henry Deeded are expected to die any moment. The other wounded are Thomas Shields, Jr., John Murphy, John Finn, J. Trosen, John Cashom, Thomas Cunningham, and two named James and Jamison, and three of these are extremely doubtful of recovery. The mine has been on fire since last Thursday, and last night a gang was sent down to endeavor to extinguish it. They had been at work about three hours and had the fire under control, when the gas ignited in some unknown manner and

## AN EXPLOSION

followed, badly damaging the mine, and with terrible result to the men.

**VIENNA, Dec. 11.**—During a performance at Hofbomath, Bonemia, tonight, a female lion tamer was attacked by the brutes and fearfully lacerated. She died soon after being rescued.

**WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 11.**—The Royer coal breaker at Pleasant Valley was destroyed by fire this evening. Loss \$100,000.

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 11.**—Miss Bynum and Miss Lewis, aged 20 and 19

respectively, were struck by a train while walking on the railroad track near Alexander last evening, and instantly killed.

**ROME, Dec. 11.**—A sensation has been caused here by the Pope's refusal to bless the medals and reliquaries sent to Rome by an Irish priest, who intended them for distribution in Ireland. The Pope sternly said: "I cannot bless them. The people of Ireland are disobedient. They seem to prefer the gospel of Dillon and O'Brien to the gospel of Jesus Christ."

**NEW YORK, Dec. 11.**—The will of Mahlon Sands, the patent medicine man, which was submitted to the surrogate for construction, has been sustained. It disposes of several million dollars. His widow, Mary M. Sands, is the niece of Vice-President elect Morton. All his children except Mabel, a child by the first wife, whose mother is provided for, are well taken care of by the testator.

**HIGHLAND LIGHT, Mass., Dec. 12.**—A heavy gale swept the coast last night, and serious marine disasters are feared.

**BRVNER, Mo., Dec. 12.**—The officers decline to say what the military will do in the event of an attempt being made by the strikers to attack the fortifications, as they threaten to do. They claim to have lumber coming for that purpose.

**WATKINTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 12.**—Sergeant Darlington and Privates Fred Pettit and Benjamin Wilson, of Company A, 11th Infantry, located at Madison Barracks, Sackett's Harbor, were drowned in Lake Ontario, the boat in which they were fishing upsetting.

**TOLEDO, Dec. 12.**—The switchmen in all the railway yards of the city agreed to strike at noon. Serious trouble is apprehended.

At 10 o'clock the Pennsylvania switchmen returned to work on a compromise. Others will probably follow their example.

**CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 12.**—The water in the main burst on Hanover Street early this morning, and a raging torrent went through the street and across lots, tearing everything up, flooding cellars, undermining foundations, and burying railroad tracks in the mud. Loss fully \$50,000.

**LONDON, Dec. 13.**—Before the Parnell commission this morning, an attempt to introduce testimony from County Wexford to show intimidation led to an objection by Parnell's counsel on the ground that Wexford was not included in the opening address.

The presiding justice appealed to counsel for the Times to curtail the testimony as much as possible. The court was alarmed at the latitude which the counsel had taken.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.**—The river and harbor appropriation bill was reported to the House this morning. Some changes were made in the bill as finally agreed upon. It appropriates \$11,000,850. Following are some of the items:

Humboldt, Cal., \$67,000; Oakland, \$1,000,000; Coos Bay, Oregon, \$80,000; Yakima Bay, Oregon, \$100,000; canal at the Cascades, Oregon, \$150,000; mouth of the Columbia River, Oregon, \$350,000; Lower Willamette and Columbia Rivers, Oregon, \$50,000.

**NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 12.**—It has been settled beyond doubt that Edward F. Honeywood, who was arrested here on Monday night for forgery, is the son of Lady Honeywood, of England. He claims to have been sent to New England to reform, and that on his return to England he was kept by his brother Sir John until he got his share of the property, \$15,000, which he soon squandered and was induced to come to America.

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 12.**—The jury in the Hawes murder concluded its investigation today, and a verdict was rendered that both the woman and the girl, May Hawes, came to their death at the hands of

## R. H. HAWES,

and that Fannie Bryant and Albert Patterson were accomplices. Two more warrants charging Sheriff Smith with murder were sworn out today, and he is again a prisoner in jail.

**CHICAGO, Dec. 12.**—The trial of Oberkampt and Mack, who will be remembered as having been engaged last summer in the most extensive robbery of letter boxes ever known, began in the United States Court today.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 12.**—This afternoon Mrs. Caroline Schmidt, aged 23, living at 434 East Seventy-sixth Street, while insane, threw herself from the fourth-story window with her two children, Jennie, three years old, and Emil, two. The former was instantly killed, and the boy and his sister were badly injured and taken to the hospital.

## ELECTRICAL EXECUTION LAW.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 12.**—At a meeting of the Medico-Legal Society tonight the report of the committee on the best method of executing the law providing for putting to death murderers by electricity was adopted. The report recommends that the alternating current should be used with the alternations not fewer than 300 per second. Such a current should be allowed to pass for from fifteen to thirty seconds to insure death.

**KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.**—Word was received here this evening from the village of West Port that the bodies of two men had been found hanging to a tree at a point near a schoolhouse six miles south of Kansas City. The supposition is that the bodies are those of horse thieves who have been

## LYNCHED BY FARMERS.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 12.**—This evening a colored painter named A. H. Wright