

floor of the corridor. The maniac with whom this patient was battling sprang away from the death-grip, fell bleeding and screaming to the floor, saw the flesh torn from his own face, stuffed it into his own mouth, and chewed his own nose to a pulp and swallowed it. He said that it would make it grow again, and Anderson looked on.

This was the sworn testimony of Dr. McGrew, resident physician at Dunning asylum. While it was being given one of the commissioners turned pale and sickened. Jules Adams, one of the committee, covered her face with her hands, and clutched at the arm of her chair. McGrew made the story more effective by the way he told it, so far as his manner was concerned. It was not an unusual occurrence at Dunning.

At the end of that story somebody whispered to President Healy of the commissioners: "You said there was nothing to investigate."

Healy looked up. His face was pale, and his eyes full of horror of that story, he had just heard.

"God forgive me," said he, "I did. But I did not know—I did not know these things."

Although the inquiry was only begun today, enough was drawn out to show that great abuses had been practiced in the asylum. Most of the evidence given today was regarding the routine management of the institution.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Aug. 20.—The last express, known as the "flyer," on the Chicago and West Michigan road, leaving Chicago at 5 o'clock and arriving here at 10:50, was held up by five men in a place of woods just before crossing the Kalamazoo river, at 9 o'clock tonight. The train was flagged by swinging a white light as the track, and when it was stopped Conductor E. E. Rice of this city stepped out on the platform of the baggage car, and seeing two robbers, asked: "What's the matter?"

The reply was two shots from their revolvers. At the same time another shot was fired into the engine cab, and a moment later two men climbed on the engine and ordered the engineer and fireman to set the brakes and keep quiet.

When the train stopped, the brakeman, Timothy Murphy of this city, jumped off the rear platform, as required by the rules. The fifth robber, standing alongside the coach, fired three shots at the brakeman, one of which hit him in the side, struck a rib, and glanced out, making a serious flesh wound. He dropped into the ditch, where he remained until the robbers had gone.

Conductor Rice, after a bullet whistled past his head, retreated to the baggage car and threw his pocket-book over behind the trunks. Without demanding admission, the robbers placed dynamite beside the car door, blew it in and sprang into the car, with the remark, "We want all you've got here."

They ordered the conductor, baggage-man and express messenger to throw up their hands, and went through their pockets, taking \$7.50 in change from the conductor, but finding nothing except watches on the others. They then

tackled the safe, and blew it open in less than thirty seconds. It contained no valuables. They took watches from the engineer and fireman, but when the conductor said he would need his watch, it was handed back to him, and saying good-night, the robbers took to the woods. The passengers, forty-two in all, were not molested.

To make sure of a halt, ties had been piled on the track half a length ahead of where the engine stopped. The baggage car was not disabled, and the train proceeded.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 20.—The city council last night passed a sweeping ordinance repealing all franchises to telegraph and telephone lines within the business district of the city, including territory a mile square and ordering all telephone and telegraph wires removed within a reasonable time. This is a determined stand by the council looking to the placing of all wires underground.

DENVER, Aug. 21.—Chief Postoffice Inspector Mechem has received a dispatch from C. L. Nichols announcing the arrest of Postmaster Ed F. Harston, at Vernal, Utah, charged with embezzling \$2,814.32 from the money order accounts. Vernal is in Uintah county on the star route from Ashley, twice a week receiving mails.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Aug. 21.—The Democratic State convention assembled today under peculiar circumstances, the contests being between rival delegations for seats, between fighting factions for platform planks and between other elements for almost everything except places on the ticket. The silver men realized yesterday that they were in a minority, but when the committee on credentials during the night reduced their number materially by seating "Brice Bolters," from Cleveland, the silver men resolved to make trouble on the reports on credentials, resolutions and everything else.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—A preliminary conference of the directors of the Cuban junta and of the revolutionary leaders in this city has been held and after an extended discussion of the situation it was voted to begin at once a movement in the direction of securing for the Cuban revolutionists official recognition as belligerents.

A special committee, composed of influential and representative Cubans was appointed for the purpose of notifying the secretary of state at an early date that the Cuban republic has been established, with a provisional government, and that it had an accredited representative in this country.

The committee, which was organized with Senor Tomas Estrada Palma, the delegate at large, as chairman, and Senor Gonzalo de Quesada as clerk, was invested with plenary powers and with authority to proceed at once upon the work of drafting an exhaustive memorial to Congress appealing for belligerent rights.

A committee will proceed to Washington immediately upon convening of the House of Representatives and also appear before the committee on foreign affairs or any special committee to whom they may be referred, for the purpose of pressing the appeal and the claim for recognition.

OMAHA, Aug. 21.—A special to the Bee from Gothenburg says:

Last night shortly after midnight the eastbound overland flyer No. 8, on the Union Pacific was held up at Butler-Milk Hill, about two miles this side of Brady Island, where the sand hills terminate. There were three men visible, according to Conductor Flynn's description. Two of the gang got on the train at Brady Island, going forward over the tender after the train was in motion, and with revolver drawn compelled the engineer to go back to the baggage car and gain admittance. He informed the baggage man that there were two robbers with guns at his head. They were admitted and the expressman was compelled to open the smaller safe. He could not open the larger combination safe and the robbers proceeded to blow the top out with dynamite. Meantime the fireman uncoupled the engine and ran to Gothenburg for a posse. In a short time twenty volunteers were en route for the scene of the robbery, but before they arrived the robbers had disappeared.

The Union Pacific train No. 8, held up by express robbers three miles east of Brady's island, arrived here at 1:35 p.m., two hours and ten minutes late. Express Messenger Thomas McCar said the robbers did not get over \$100. They failed to get inside the large safe. Conductor Flynn thinks the escape of the fireman with the engine alarmed the robbers and caused them to leave before they had completed their work.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 22.—The warehouse on the Union Steamboat company's dock took fire at 1 p.m. The fire spread to the warehouse of the Anchor Line and freight sheds of the Wisconsin Central. Many freight cars are burning.

Later—The fire is spreading with fearful rapidity before the gale from the southwest. It now looks as if West Water street may be swept up to Grand avenue.

The warehouses of Union Steamboat and Anchor line are gone, also the freight sheds; the Wisconsin Central freight yards are full of blazing cars. John Fritzlaff Hardware company's house has just taken fire and the immense establishment seems to be doomed. Steamers and sailing vessels are being moved from the docks along the West Water street front, and it is believed the fire will reach Milwaukee river in the lower Fourth ward before it can be checked. The factory of the Delaney Oil and Grease company has been burned and Bundle Spence company's plumbing fixtures establishment is now burning. The fire is working northwest and threatens St. Paul passenger depot. Sixty freight cars were destroyed in the St. Paul yards.

The fire is now under control. The factories of the Rundle Spence company and Ricker Soap company and the store of John Fritzlaff, hardware company were saved. St. Paul depot is out of danger. The number of freight cars destroyed at St. Paul yards is put at sixty. A large number of frame residences are swept away.

Joseph McManus, aged 8, the son of Detective McManus, was run over by a steam engine and instantly killed.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The Havana correspondent of the Times writes of the gravity of the situation there, and