

salutes, and separate table board arrangements are made to suit different parties.

The people in this locality will regret to learn of the mishap which befel Bill Nye, at Jackson, Miss. Immediately after the curtain rose at the opening of one of his entertainments he fell out of the opera house back door a distance of fifteen feet, on to a pile of lumber. He must have received a heavy shock, but his injuries are not serious. It is not stated whether the accident occurred while he was overcome by ecstasy over the discovery of a new joke.

The order issued by the Russian government to the governors, instructing the latter to forbid the Jews to buy corn, would be unique if taken as defined in the dispatches. Accepted literally it would imply that the Jews must die of starvation, because they are not permitted to buy bread. It is to be presumed, however, that the mandate refers to Jewish dealers, and its purpose is evidently to prevent them indulging in a "tite-up" and "corner."

The Brigham *Bugler* says: "People are beginning to shake in their boots when they think of being compelled to pass through Bear River gorge this winter by rail. Even during the pleasant summer weather, several awful disasters have been averted only by great luck or the timely interposition of a kind Providence. The tall, lank, wooden trestles have been rendered rather shaky at times by the gradual settling and by washes."

On Monday night (Nov. 23rd) a fire at Blackfoot, Idaho, destroyed the Old Commercial Hotel, the U. S. Land office, and the railroad depot and express offices. The books, maps and papers of the land office and the books, etc., of the railroad company were saved. The buildings were totally consumed. E. Calvin and J. M. Bennett, of the Idaho division, soon had the agent and operator established in temporary quarters, pending the erection of new offices.

A genuine border ruffian tragedy has occurred at Red Lake, Arizona. Thomas Collins made a disturbance in the house of a respectable man named Dittenhooper. The latter remonstrated and was forthwith shot through the heart and instantly killed by Collins. The latter escaped, but was being pursued by a number of Navajoe Indians, with whom Dittenhooper was very popular. It is thought that if the red men catch up with Collins—they probably will—short work will be made of the murderer.

A valued exchange says: "The terrific grip has taken a fresh grip on a good many Colorado people again and one or two deaths are reported. We have had the grip for three consecutive seasons and are afflicted with it now as we write, but it has no particular terror for us. We use inhalations of benzoine in hot water and swallow half a dozen fresh laid homoeopathic aconite pills every hour. Stay in doors, keep the feet warm, avoid drafts of air, take a little quinine at night, go to bed early and the grip is easily conquered."

A couple of Mexicans resorted to an easy method of stocking a store with general merchandises. They simply helped themselves from the freight trains of the Atlantic & Pacific Railway Company. The prospective merchants were father and son—Francisco and Juan Baca. Goods to the value of several thousand dollars were found and the two pilferers were arrested and are now in jail at Albuquerque, N. M. Other persons are said to be interested in the scheme and further arrests are expected.

It is learned from the Bingham *Bulletin* that the Old Telegraph leaching works, near Bingham Junction, have recently been started up again, and are now in full operation, running on Old Telegraph ore. The low grade ore that has been lying on the dump for years, is being hauled to the R. G. W. station, from where it is shipped to the plant for treatment. The plant has been idle for a number of years, but has been repaired and fixed up at considerable expense, and is now doing first-class work again.

In the region immediately north of us there seems to be a good deal of premature cremation in progress. Several miners have been recently burned to ashes in their cabins. There was one case of the kind near Diamond City, Montana, on Thanksgiving morning. The victim was a man named Pat Gillan. On the night of the same day, near Wallace, Idaho, another miner, named Amos Woolver, met a similar fate. In both instances, the inhuman murders appeared to be the work of incendiaries.

It is now officially admitted that the recent visit of De Giers, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, to Paris was in the interest of an alliance between Russia and France. It is, however, claimed to be for the carrying on of a diplomatic warfare. It is to be in the interest of Russian domination in Bulgaria and to compel England to evacuate Egypt. The present intention is asserted not to be to engage in actual war at present, but to get a good ready for a more opportune time to enter upon that sanguinary business.

The abduction case at Kansas City is likely to be duplicated in various parts of the United States, and perhaps in other parts of the world as well. Criminals are great imitators. A two-year-old boy of David T. Beal, a prominent banker, was abducted by the connivance of a woman, engaged as a servant, and a couple of toughs. The distracted parents offered a reward of \$5000 for the recovery of the child. The little one was restored and the money paid. Hence we say that other pieces of villainy of this kind may be looked for.

Brazil has completely changed front with respect to its attitude toward the Catholic church. After the deposition of Dom Pedro the Pope stated, in reply to a question bearing on the subject, that the Vatican would only consent to recognize the new republic on the ground that Catholicism be acknowledged and treated as the State religion. Now the Pope is informed that the State will not tolerate any interference on

the part of the church with political affairs, and that if any such meddling occurs the Brazilian Minister will be withdrawn from the Vatican.

ARIZONA is in the midst of another Apache Indian war scare. Major Wm. Downing, whose rancho is thirty miles from the town of Wilcox, reported that one of his men—B. H. Daniels—had been shot and killed by red men on the 28th Nov. Shortly afterwards the major himself was ambushed and shot while driving in his buggy, about ten miles from his home. His wound is said not to be fatal. The military are on the trail of the perpetrators of these outrages. At the headquarters of General Miles the trouble is not thought to be general, but merely personal.

According to the latest computation Europe will need 455,000,000 bushels of wheat and 335,000,000 bushels of rye, or their equivalents. The United States, Canada and India could manage to spare enough wheat to fill the bill very nearly, but the rye is not to be had, no matter what price the people are able to pay for it. The aggregate European deficit of breadstuffs, after allowing for the surplus of this and other countries, is nearly 400,000,000, and the question is, what shall take the place of this deficit?

At Shoshone, Idaho, on the night of Nov. 29th, William Johnson, an employee at the U. P. machine shops was winding up a protracted drinking bout. He entered his room. The landlord heard a scuffle and a sound of some one falling on the floor. When he entered the apartment he found Johnson lying on the floor with three stab wounds in his body, from which he will probably die. R. Earleton, Johnson's room mate, was in bed when the landlord entered. He denied having done the cutting. It seems clear that he did do it, however, and is in custody under a charge of having committed the deed.

The act of Russia in invading Chinese Territory is a significant movement. China will doubtless be compelled to make territorial concessions to the Czar, as the Mongolian empire could not afford to engage in war with Russia. Thus Alexander will be placed in possession of a tract of country contiguous to British India. When it shall be deemed that the opportune time has arrived for a Muscovite conquest of the great English dependency, Russia would be in possession of an outfitting and strategic point of inestimable value and importance.

It causes the blood to curdle in one's veins to read of a horrible affair that has occurred in Chicago. William Smith was intoxicated and also compelled his little girl Kitty to drink liquor until she was practically helpless. He told her to prepare dinner. She said she could not. She was afterwards heard crying piteously "Oh papa don't." A neighbor rushed in and found the poor child lying on the floor with both hands burned to a crisp. There seemed to be no doubt that the brute of a father in a fit of mad rage, thrust the little girl's hands into the stove and held them there. This