

The sound of the explosion was heard for two miles.

LONDON, Nov. 5.—The *Daily News* says the Chinese minister has imparted to the foreign office China's desire that the powers mediate with Japan for peace. The minister has gone to Paris to make a similar request of France.

YOKOHAMA, Nov. 5.—The report cabled to the Associated Press that Fung Wung Ching was set on fire before its evacuation by the Chinese has been confirmed by advices from the front. The Chinese have evidently abandoned hope of making a successful defense against the Japanese army, set fire to the castle and then fled without waiting to be attacked.

PAULDING, O., Nov. 5.—As soon as the news of the appalling murder of the two children of Samuel Good spread, hundreds of people gathered. Sheriff Staley was among the number and arrested Charley Hart, a neighbor's boy, who was at once suspected and the people of the neighborhood are firm in the conviction of his guilt.

Young Hart says he cannot read or write and does not know his age and is very nervous. When accused of the crime he denied it in a nervous way. The bodies were found within three rods of young Hart's home and about half a mile from the children's home. The little boy's boots were found in the grass a short distance from the bodies. Their little hands were tied together with a piece of tarred rope attached to a billet of wood resembling a rough-hewn pump handle.

DAYTON, O., Nov. 5.—Mrs. Harvey Campbell, wife of a leading merchant of West Alexandria, Preble county, lashed the wife of Dr. Gregg with a rawhide while her three sons beat the father into insensibility with a revolver. Mrs. Gregg is a party to a divorce suit brought by Mrs. Campbell against her husband. Dr. Gregg has also brought suit against Campbell asking for \$10,000 for the alienation of his wife's affection.

VANWERT, O., Nov. 5.—As soon as Hart was taken to the Paulding jail a mob of 200 to 500 men organized to hang the prisoner at once, but were dissuaded on pleas that the chances were largely in favor of the boy's innocence and that the guilty party was still at large. It is currently reported tonight that the mob is coming from Paulding into Van Wert in such numbers that it cannot be resisted by the authorities here.

In addition to the arrest of Hart, Levi Cain and Clarence Brindle have been placed in jail. There is no direct evidence that they were connected with the crime, but they were found in Hart's house when the latter was taken into custody. The Hart residence, it was found, had been freshly scrubbed. When it was searched two corn cutters and an ax were found to be missing. There is no doubt the murderer or murderers used such an instrument in the commission of the awful crime. The people of Paulding are in a frenzy over the affair and while there is no probability of immediate violence it will be hard for those responsible for the death of the unfortunate little ones as soon as their guilt is ascertained.

SOUTH MCALESTER, I. T., Nov. 5.—Solon Lewis, the condemned Choc-taw murderer, was shot at Wilburton

at 10 o'clock this morning by Sheriff Pursley. The bullet from the sheriff's Winchester missed the condemned man's heart, passing through his body an inch above the nipple, and he had to be strangled to end his sufferings.

Sheriff Pursley anticipated trouble, having just before the execution received a letter from Lewis's friends threatening vengeance, and he had over one hundred heavily armed deputies at the scene. Arrived at the place of execution, he offered up prayer, followed by a short talk. He then pulled off his coat, vest, boots, and the sheriff painted a cross beneath his left nipple. Lewis then sat down, and was blindfolded.

While two men held his hands the sheriff retraced his steps five feet and fired. The bullet went clean through the murderer's body, but missed its mark, and Lewis, turning back his head, sank groaning to the ground, the blood spurting from the wound. To end the horrible work, the sheriff was finally compelled to take hold of the man's nose and smother him to death. He lived thirty minutes after being shot. Twenty-six other Indians are under indictment for the same murder for which Lewis was executed. When they come to trial, trouble is anticipated, as their sympathizers are aroused. Lewis was 54 years of age.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—Arrangements have been made by Postoffice Inspector Erwin to send back to St. Louis Henry Smythe, the young man arrested in Oakland on a charge of violating the postal law in fleeing Chicago and St. Louis merchants through the mails. There is but one charge against him here, while in Missouri there are many, so it was thought best to return him to St. Louis.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—A dispatch from Christiania says: The Russian government has chartered the steamer *Lindesnes* to search for the steamer *St. Jerne* on which Captain Wiggins, the Arctic explorer, left Yeniseisk on September 15, with his own and two other crews, numbering in all fifty men. It is believed that Wiggins is icebound in the Kara sea. The captain of the *Lindesnes* hopes to get tidings of Wiggins at Chabarowe. Should he fail to do this he will send parties overland to the Siberian coast.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Nov. 6.—By the explosion of sewer gas in the basement of the Westminster seminary of the young ladies' college in this city today, Clara Debold was fatally burned and Edith Masters seriously hurt. They were servant girls.

SAUTE STE MARIE, Mich., Nov. 6.—The tug *Crusader*, owned by the Grummond estate, of Detroit, burned today. Henry Billings and Charles Whiffen, Port Huron firemen, were burned to death.

#### FOR COMMERCIAL BAKERS.

I have been much interested in a recent article from the *Dundee Weekly News* of Sept. 29th, 1894; and as Salt Lake bakers may be interested to know how bread can be manufactured cheaper in Scotland than in America, I herewith note a few points for their consideration. In the first place the Scotch bakers can turn out one hundred four-pound loaves in the same time and with the same help as the

American can with his one-pound loaves with the same amount of fuel. Thus if the profits on the bread are small, it is made up on the quantity turned out at the same expense in its manufacture. Most of the Scotch ovens are constructed of dressed rock, bottomed with square slabs laid on a bed of sand from twelve to fourteen inches thick. Fire is kept up from two to three weeks before starting to bake. When the heat has penetrated to the foundation it takes but a small amount of fuel afterwards to keep them up to baking point.

The great trouble with the American system of bread making is the fact that the loaf is most all baked in pans and most of it is over fermented to a degree that rots the flour, destroys its natural flavor, and being soporuous and spongy, it dries out and becomes insipid and tasteless in a short time after leaving the oven, besides loss of time in cleaning the pans and doing other jobs incidental to the system. Whereas British bakers bake all their bread on the oven bottom with the oven door tightly closed. It is baked in its own steam, making a sweet bottom crust and retaining its moisture and the full flavor of the material and also its nutritive properties.

Before closing, if not encroaching too far on your space, I would like to add a few notes from the experience of experts in the use of the different kinds of flour from wheat grown in the eastern states and England, copied from the *Baker's Helper* published in Chicago, for November, 1892:

Question—What are the leading characteristics of the following types of flour for bread making purposes?

Answer—Spring American patents: Fine yellow color, high percentage of gluten; water absorbing power high and able to stand a good deal of fermenting; produces rather dry and tasteless bread when too much is used in the mixture; should be used mainly in sponge. Hungarian: Also fine color, high percentage of gluten; water absorbing power high and grand flavor; also keeps moisture longer than any other kind I know. California: Color chalky white; low percentage of gluten, very sweet and starchy to the taste; if used at all should be used at doughing stage; low water absorbing power. Texas: Somewhat similar to Spring American Patents. Winter American Baker: Color not so good as California; medium gluten and water absorbing power; a doughing flour with fairly good flavor and moisture in the loaf when baked. English wheat: The leading feature of the flour is its sweet and nutty flavor, color very white; gluten and water absorbing power very low.

Respectfully yours,  
ALEX CROLL.

The De Lamar *Nuggett* (Idaho) says the champion reprobate of that town has been developed in the person of one E. L. Culver. His wife has been so very ill for several weeks that her destitution appealed to the charity of several ladies and a purse of a few dollars was raised and handed to the husband, while several of the ladies visited the invalid, taking her bedding, clothing and nourishment. The brute, for he is nothing else, took the money and went down to the saloons and spent it.