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GENERAL NEWS.

The News from Everywhere in a Concise Form.
Anarchists are again causing trouble in Paris.

Hanes hotel at Montreal, Va., was destroyed by fire. Loss \$10,000; insurance \$4,500.

The fine new court house at Muncie, Ind., valued at \$300,000 was destroyed by fire last Thursday.

Mr. Blaine's condition is better than it was reported a week or so ago. He says: 'I'll get well yet.'

A cyclone passed over Vera Cruz, wrecking four vessels in the harbor and doing much damage.

The Briggs heresy trial is ended, and Prof. Briggs was acquitted on all the charges by 8 to 21 majority.

Fire destroyed every business house in the village of Snowhill, Ala., except one. Loss \$35,000; insurance about half.

The high school building at Marshalltown, Iowa, one of the finest educational structures in the State, was burned. Loss, \$100,000.

The private part of the White House at Washington, D. C., is closed on account of scarlet fever within, of which little Mortena Harrison is ill.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has made another gift of \$1,000,000 to the Chicago University making the fourth amounting to \$4,000,000 in all.

At Ossawatimie, Kan., Wednesday night a week three large dwellings were burned, catching fire from natural gas. Four persons were burned alive.

Two negroes were lynched Wednesday week at Luling La., for entering a store on Christmas evening and murdering a clerk named Abraham Silver.

The Algona mines near Elkhorn, W. Va., were destroyed by fire last Thursday. Two hundred men were employed there, but it is not yet known whether any of them have perished.

Bob Harper, who assaulted Miss Anderson, was dragged from the court room at Bowling Green Ky., where he was being tried, and lynched by a mob of over 1,000 men.

John Hipp and Chas. Kelly, the alleged murderers of Tax Collector Armstrong, of Butler county, Ala., were taken from jail at Greenville, Ala and lynched.

Cholera still exists in Hamburg and a dread exists that it will again become epidemic with the approach of warm weather. The dread disease is spreading also in the north of France.

Pearl Detro, an inmate of the McArthur, Ohio, insane asylum, celebrated Christmas by setting fire to the building and perishing in the flames, besides burning up the sheriff's residence.

Thomas Nelson, mayor of Cape Charles City, Va., has absconded after squandering about \$3,000 church and trust funds for safe (?) keeping. A reward is offered for his arrest.

The first bale of cotton harvested by machinery was sold on the New York cotton exchange Friday for the benefit of the Press club building fund and was bid in by the exchange at 77 cents a pound and was then re-donated to the Press club.

The men engaged in the tunnel under East river, N. Y., built a fire to thaw out three barrels of dynamite that had frozen the night before. The dynamite exploded, killed several persons and wrecked a good many buildings in Long Island City.

Fire at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, last week destroyed nearly \$500,000 worth of property, and caused the death of one fireman and the injury of several others. Milwaukee has suffered severely from fires recently, some of which are thought to have been incendiary.

A dispatch from Batavia, Ill., says: By the death of Mrs. Jane C. Gammon, the Methodist seminary at Atlanta, Ga., became the possessor of nearly \$150,000, not by the provision of a will, as none was made; but under conditions involving the settlement of her wealthy estate.

At Brinkley, Ark., James Keorns, a railroad man, was sitting in the coach of a train when George E. Moody, son of Judge R. E. Moody, of Tusculum, Ala., entered and shot him in the face, killing him instantly. Keorns was seated by the side of his bride of two weeks. Moody was captured.

Diphtheria is raging in Philadelphia. There were 52 new cases and 36 deaths from it during 72 hours last week. Kilgore, a small town in Carroll county, Pa., has been almost depopulated by the ravages of malignant diphtheria. Fully 50 people died in two weeks. The disease has abated somewhat.

The proposed Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the corner stone of which was laid at the corner of One-hundred and-tenth street and Morningside avenue, New York, Tuesday week, will cost \$10,000,000, and will be fifteen years in building. When finished it will be the largest church structure on the western continent, and will do much towards popularizing the Episcopal church, as it will be always open to rich and poor alike.

Miss Mary E. Garrett, of Baltimore, made possible the opening of the proposed medical school of the Johns Hopkins University, in which women shall receive the same opportunities for study as men, by placing at the disposal of the trustees \$300,077 which, with the amount already in hand, will make up \$500,000—the sum which was required by the trustees to be made available for the medical school before its establishment was to become a fact.

Catching a Runaway Car.

As a freight train was pulling out past Sheridan station, seven miles from Pittsburg, on the Panhandle railroad, a heavily loaded car, the last of the train, broke loose and started back on the down grade towards Pittsburg.

The operator at Sheridan telegraphed back over the line all the way to Pittsburg to look out for the runaway car. At Ingram station stood an engine ready to go out. When the operator there got word that a loose car was flying back over the track he notified the engineer and fireman of the engine, and they prepared to pursue the car. Within a few minutes the runaway came thundering along at the rate of thirty miles an hour. As soon as it passed the engine started after it.

Then ensued a wild and exciting chase. The car flew on and the engine after it. Over the long 90-foot high trestle at Temperanceville the two thudded, the engine caught up to the runaway near the Point Bridge station. The engineer ran back over the tender, coupled onto the car and then began to slow up, but did not stop until he was at the Birmingham station in the city. There a large crowd of people had gathered to see the pursued and pursuer come in, greeting both with a cheer.

Reforming a Parrot.

A Pittsburger who spent a part of last Summer in England tells an incident which sadly disturbed the religious peace of a parish in Pensance. A maiden lady of that town owned a parrot, which somehow acquired the disagreeable habit of observing, at frequent intervals:

"I wish the old lady would die."
This annoyed the bird's owner, who spoke to the curate about it. "I think we can rectify the matter," replied the good man. "I also have a parrot, and he is a righteous bird, having been brought up in the way he should go. I will lend you my parrot, and I trust his influence will reform that depraved bird of yours."

The curate's parrot was placed in the same room with the wicked one, and as soon as the two had become accustomed to each other, the bad bird remarked:

"I wish the old lady would die."
"Whereupon the clergyman's bird rolled up his eyes and in solemn accents added:

"We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord!"

The story got out in the parish and for several Sundays it was necessary to omit the litanies at the church service.

From Gay to Grave.

A party of Senators were discussing affairs in the cloak room at the capitol. "This debate seems to have deprived Senator Vest of some of his reputation for veracity," remarked Senator Faulkner.

"It has eh?" chimed in Senator Zschwartz. "Well, that reminds me of an incident down in North Carolina. Jack Plunkett, an old farmer down in my country, was a good honest, industrious fellow, who had accepted the affairs of the world as he had found them. Jack had but one shirt. When that was sufficiently ripened for a visit to the wash tub old Jack would seek his bed while his wife scrubbed it out. One day after washing the shirt the old lady hung it on the clothes line to dry while she prepared dinner. In the meantime the calf chewed up the shirt. When the old lady made the discovery, with tears in her eyes, she entered the house and told Jack of the destruction of his only shirt.

"Don't cry my dear," said old Jack philosophically, "them what's got must lose."

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