

# Andover News.

WEDNESDAY NOV. 28, 1894.

The Argentine earthquake occurred the night before one of the "critical days" in the list of Professor Falb, the Austrian earthquake prophet.

More than two hundred French cities have resolved to erect statues in honor of the late President Carnot, and it is expected that soon almost every French town will have a Carnot street or square.

The Minnesota Supreme Court has decided that bicyclists have the same rights as horsemen on the streets. "Now, let us have a decision giving pedestrians some rights," suggests the Atlanta Constitution.

Professor Rudolph Virchow told the convention of anthropologists at Innesbruck the other day that the Darwinian theory of the origin of species, commonly known as "evolution," was unproven, unscientific, and evidently false.

The refrigerating systems for the transportation of fresh meats, fruits, etc., are coming more and more extensively into use. The New York World thinks it is too early to predict the future in store for this scheme, which is still in its infancy.

Vermont is restocking its forests and streams by good game laws strictly enforced, and the people find that land is worth more all over the State than it was before this policy was adopted. It is also noticed that more sportsmen visit the State than formerly.

In one of the New York apartment houses there are 226 pianos—one to every four persons, besides a whole orchestra of piccolos, violins, guitars, cornets and an old-fashioned melodeon. Those who live across the way say that it is the noisiest house in America.

It has been estimated that of the \$1,500,000,000 of property held in New York \$300,000,000 is in the hands of women, but this is certainly well within the real facts (since the women of Boston pay taxes on \$120,000,000). Even so, however, this would make, at the present rate of estimate, over \$600,000,000 of property owned in New York State by women, adds the Dispatch.

Says the New York Ledger: "Wherever Americans plant stakes, we hear of political agitation. The speeches at the great mass meeting of Alaskans at Juneau had the true American ring. There may have been other political mass meetings in Alaska, but the news of them has not reached us. The Juneau meeting was the first important political demonstration in that part of our domain, the northern shores of which are laved by the waters of the Arctic Ocean."

The grand council of the Swiss canton of Neuchâtel has decided that funerals shall hereafter be paid for by the public. The canton in the future is to defray all expenses save that of the coffin, which the family or relatives will provide. If necessary, however, the coffin will be supplied also. The expense of cremating bodies, however, must be borne by the friends or family. Under this arrangement such distinctions—common enough in many parts of Europe—as "first-class" and "second class" funerals will be impossible.

Almost the whole body of the upper ranks of the United States naval engineer corps is made up of grizzled old fellows that entered the navy as third assistant engineers before such a thing as a cadet engineer had ever appeared at the naval academy. These men have had to acquire in the course of active duty a vast deal of active technical knowledge now drilled into future engineers at the academy. Such knowledge becomes more and more serious in volume year by year as warships become more complicated, and the wonder is that busy men, some of them of very moderate schooling in youth, have been able to hold their own with rapidly advancing science.

MANY A woman who succeeds as a mother, fails as a wife.

# PAPERS POSTAGE FREE

## Postmaster General Bissell Is in Favor of It.

### Extension of the Civil Service Rules Advocated in His Annual Report.

### What the Postal Department Has Cost the Government—Against Government Telegraph Lines.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Postmaster General Bissell has made his annual report. He favors the extension of the civil service law to all postoffices, and a rigid examination of the second-class department. He also favors the admittance free of all bona fide newspapers and magazines.

Going into the details of last year's business, he gives the following figures: The number of miles of post-route run, 1,100,000. Number of stamps manufactured, 3,200,000. Number of envelopes manufactured, 1,800,000. Number of postal cards manufactured, 1,500,000. Pieces mailed, 15,700,000. Letters mailed, 7,400,000. Mail matter distributed and re-distributed by railway postal clerks, 27,500,000 pieces. Number of pieces handled in the dead letter office, 24,000. Daily transactions in money order business, \$1,100,000. Daily expenses, \$231,100. The deficiency in postal revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1894, was \$9,243,395. The total revenue derived was \$75,080,479, and the expenditures \$84,324,414.

For the current fiscal year Mr. Bissell estimates that the expenditures will amount to \$90,399,485, leaving an estimated deficiency of \$5,971,736, and his estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, place expenditures at \$91,059,283, and the deficiency at only \$4,151,876.

Regarding the abuses of second class privileges he says the volume of second class business grew from 143,000,000 pounds in 1888, to 256,000,000 in 1893, more than doubling in six years. Mr. Bissell says also one can believe that such an increase is legitimate, and he adds that it is estimated that during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1894, out of about 451,000,000 pounds of mail matter of all classes carried, 299,000,000, or nearly two-thirds, went under the second class rates, leaving a net loss to the government on its transportation of \$16,973,000.

"This calculation," the postmaster general says, "applies to transportation alone. The separate cost of distribution and delivery I will not attempt to estimate, but any one can see that these items of expenditure would largely swell the loss."

Continuing he remarks that he does not advocate a change of rates now levied upon legitimate newspapers and periodical magazines. His purpose is to urge the withdrawal of low postage rates from the large class of pretended periodicals that are now improperly enjoying them; not only on account of the inherent propriety of that course, but because he is almost hopeless of ever seeing the financial condition of the department properly established until such withdrawal is brought about. The most conspicuous class of these pretended periodicals, he adds, are what are now generally known as serial paper covered books.

During the last six years, the post-office department has accepted for entry 24,304 new publications purporting to be of the second class, yet according to a prominent newspaper directory, the net increase of newspapers and periodical publications during the same time was 3,747, or 15 per cent. of the number of entries.

If these so-called periodicals were shut out, he concludes, bona fide newspapers could be carried free. He then speaks of extending the civil service law, and takes up the postal telegraph scheme. He differs with Mr. Wagner, maker, and says that the idea is wholly impracticable and as Great Britain's annual deficit is \$800,000, it would, in this country, amount to \$25,000,000.

### HAD THE CHILDREN.

#### Boarded With a Woman in Detroit, but Holmes Took Them Away.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 26.—The Detroit police were asked to look up Mrs. Lucinda Burns and ascertain whether she had in her possession the two children of Fitzgerald, whom the insurance swindler, H. H. Holmes, confessed to Philadelphia police that he had left with Mrs. Burns while in this city Oct. 12.

The woman was found in a cheap boarding house on Congress street. At first she refused to discuss the matter, but finally denied that she had the children or knew where they were or had ever seen Holmes.

Later Mrs. Burns withdrew her denial and said she had had charge of the children for several weeks. Three weeks ago, however, Holmes came to the city and took them away, she knows not where, at the same time beating her out of a \$2 dollar board bill.

### Football Caused His Death.

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 26.—During the progress of a football game between two classes of the Ledge street school, Daniel McTiernan, 14 years old, tackled, received a blow on the head and died from the results.

### Rose Cleveland Killed.

Grand Rapids, Wis., Nov. 26.—A Milwaukee freight train struck a team on a crossing here killing two of the occupants, Mrs. William Quinn and Miss Rose Cleveland. Mr. Quinn escaped.

### Honored the Fenians' Memory.

Dublin, Nov. 26.—Large parades in honor of the executed Fenians were held in Cork on Wednesday. The mayor presided over a memorial meeting of 6,000 persons.

# FOUND A GREAT VILLAGE.

## Another Cliff Dwellers' Settlement Discovered in Arizona.

Prescott, Ariz., Nov. 26.—The most wonderful village of cliff dwellers extant has just been discovered in the Bradshaw mountains. The village is one of the most inaccessible canons, and has never before been seen by white men. It was stumbled on by accident by two prospectors, White and Williams. From the description they gave there is no doubt that this is the largest village of the kind ever discovered. It is located along the high banks of Willow canon and the houses are estimated to number 260.

There are three natural terraces in the canon wall and the dwellings open back from them. Narrow steps in the rocks, now almost worn away seem to indicate that this was the method employed in ascent and descent. Several of the houses were explored and large quantities of pottery and some instruments were found. In one house a skeleton of a man not over four feet eight inches in height was discovered. The canon at this place is half a mile wide, and shows every evidence of having been cultivated. As far as known no other evidence of cultivation has ever been discovered of this departed race.

A party is now being organized to thoroughly explore the newly found village.

### CHEROKEE BILL WOUNDED.

#### His Thigh Bone Shattered and His Arm Injured.

Claremore, I. T., Nov. 26.—Jake Hill, a cow boy, employed on the Haisell ranch, has reported that while hunting cattle he came across Cherokee Bill and Verdigris Kid at Bird creek. Cherokee Bill was dressing the wound in his thigh and took out of the wound a piece of bone about an inch long. The wound was very much inflamed as a result of a cold, making the flesh around it black and ghastly. He declares he will not have a doctor dress it, for he does not know of anyone he could trust. He also has a wound in his arm and a slight scratch across the breast, both results of the fight at Talala. Verdigris Kid was not wounded. Cherokee Bill swears he will kill Buck Bruner, the deputy marshal who has been wearing Cherokee Bill's hat as trophy of the fight at Talala. He wants to rob one more train on the Kansas & Arkansas Valley road, after which he is going to cross the ocean and quit his life of outlawry.

### AN HEIRESS IN PRISON.

#### Mrs. Adelaide Featherstone in a Wisconsin Jail for Larceny.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 26.—Mrs. Adelaide Featherstone, the heiress to a fortune, is an inmate of the house of correction, where she is serving a sentence for larceny. After languishing in the county jail for four months awaiting trial, she pleaded guilty. It is said she took this action in preference to requesting aid from her wealthy relatives.

It is believed the woman could have escaped conviction if she had demanded a trial, and it is thought that even if she was convicted a fine instead of imprisonment would have been the penalty inflicted.

### THE MUFTI OF MOOSH.

#### He Is Decorated for Slaughtering Christian Armenians.

London, Nov. 26.—A correspondent in Constantinople says: "It is announced officially that the Turkish subjects in Sassoun are attending to their business and peaceable travelers are not disturbed. This announcement is made boldly, despite the fact that the foreign embassies know the contrary to be true. 'The mufti of Moosh has been decorated although he is one of the officials implicated in the recent excesses. The Armenians are anxious to know whether the powers will make united representations.'"

### Bound and Robbed.

Montclair, N. J., Nov. 26.—Two men entered the waiting room of the Greenwood Lake railroad station at Bloomfield, where agent-ticket agent C. W. Jacobus was in charge. While one covered him with a revolver the other emptied the cash drawer, which contained about \$400. This done they proceeded to tie the agent hand and foot and hurried away.

Jacobus soon managed to slip free, and at once notified the police, who were given a good description of the robbers. The country is being scoured for them.

### Mgr. Satolli at Wilmington.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 26.—Catholics of the diocese of Wilmington had the honor of a visit from Mgr. Satolli, the papal delegate, who came to join in the re-dedication of St. Joseph's church at Duponts Banks, after its enlargement and general improvement. He also participated in the blessing of the three handsome altars recently presented to the church by J. Smith Brennan, of Wilmington, by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and by the sodality of the church. The services at the church began with a mass celebrated at the house of sisters by Dr. Papi, Mgr. Satolli's secretary. Then the ceremonies of dedication and the blessing of the altars began. They were participated in by Mgr. Satolli, Bishop Curtis and the Catholic clergy of this city.

### A Train Kills a Woman.

Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 26.—An unknown woman was struck by a freight train and instantly killed at the Sterling crossing. The body is at the morgue awaiting identification. She was apparently 45 years of age and wore a black cloth dress, a long black velvet cloak and a black hat. Nothing was found on the body that would identify her. Her face was mangled and her features are unrecognizable.

# LIBERTY IN HIS DEATH

## Suicide of One of the Leather Bank Thieves.

### Aged Frederick Baker, Who With Samuel Seely Secured \$343,000, Drowns Himself at His Flushing Home To Escape Arrest—No Trace of the Fugitive Bankkeeper.

New York, Nov. 26.—Superintendent of Police Byrnes and the police of all large cities in the United States are searching for Samuel G. Seely. His defalcation at the Shoe and Leather bank is \$343,000, according to last accounts, but may be even more. Most of this money, the police believe, he has with him, despite his counsels proffered to the contrary.

Frederick R. Baker, the aged confederate of Seely, has committed suicide. His body was found floating in the bay at Flushing, L. I., where he resides. His family has disappeared, and all efforts to trace any of the missing money through him have failed. Financial circles are greatly excited, as the theft is the largest known in years.

Frank W. Angel, counsel for Seely, was seen at his home in Jersey City. "The defalcation," said he, "which began about nine years ago, started, according to Seely's statement to me, through an honest mistake in book-keeping. But the confederate induced Seely to allow other overdrafts, which Seely did in daily expectation that the promise to make good the deficiency would be fulfilled.

"To conceal the overdrafts falsification of the books became necessary. As I understand it, the confederate was able to keep his bank account by making bona fide deposits of say \$200 or more at a time, Seely giving him credit for \$1,200, and to conceal these false credit entries Seely would from time to time make transfers from other accounts.

"What became of the \$343,000, which Seely assured me had been kept by his confederate, is a mystery that may never be satisfactorily solved. "I believe that the confederate invested the money in real estate through a 'dummy' and so thoroughly covered his tracks that the property may never be found.

"What became of Seely's comparatively insignificant share of the enormous plunder is even more a mystery than that which became of the 113's share kept by his confederate. Seely's salary was only \$1,800 a year, and this was much, if any, more than enough to pay taxes, water rates, insurance, repairs, interest on the mortgages on his house and his living expenses.

"The latter were by no means extravagant, and his wife did not even keep a domestic servant, but did her own housework. Neither Seely nor his wife dressed extravagantly.

"It was a week ago last Friday that Seely came to my office and made his confession to me. Besides advising him to give himself up to the district attorney at once, I urged him to tell all he knew about his confederate's transactions so that the bank might recover some if not all of the stolen money, which would lead to mitigate his offense. I did not advise him to abscond.

"No message of any kind has been received from the absconder. Mrs. Seely, whom I saw, is dangerously and probably fatally ill, wholly on account of the immense amount for which he is a defaulter, or the practically lifelong imprisonment to which he is liable when captured."

### FOILED BY A WOMAN.

#### Saved a Train from Being Held Up by the Cook Gang.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 26.—A plan to hold up an east-bound train on the Kansas & Arkansas Valley railroad by the Cook gang was discovered and frustrated by the railroad officials.

When the train reached a siding near Fort Gibson it was flagged by a woman who had run five miles to warn it of a hold-up, which had been planned. Twenty-five armed men had taken possession of a section house.

The wife of the section boss eluded the watchfulness of the gang, and resolved to save the train. She ran to the next station and gave the alarm. Armed men were placed on board, and the train pulled slowly by the section house where the bandits were concealed, but no attempt to hold up the train was made. The bandits discovered that their plans were known.

### THOUSANDS WERE LANDED.

#### Immigrants During the Year Just Ended Came in Floods.

Washington, Nov. 26.—An exhaustive review of the operation of our immigrant laws is presented by the annual report of Herman Stump, United States superintendent of immigration, just made public.

It shows that during the fiscal year, 1894, ended June 30, 288,220 immigrants arrived in this country of whom 235,631 were landed, 2,389 were debarred from landing because of being under contract to perform labor made previous to their arrival.

Of the immigrants landed, 96,000 were destined for New York state, 42,000 for Pennsylvania, 25,000 for Massachusetts and 22,000 for Illinois. The others were scattered throughout the United States, no other state receiving a greater number than 10,000.

Immigrants destined for southern states all told did not exceed 12,000.

### Two Hundred Slaughtered.

Caracas, Nov. 26.—The government troops have been ambushed near Maricao, and 200 were killed.

# AFTER THE BATTLE.

## Yale and Harvard Men Recovering from Sundry Bruises.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 26.—Harvard men are feeling rather sore over the result of the football game. It is not that usual feeling of soreness that comes after defeat, but something worse.

The men all feel that the Harvard team outplayed the Yale team, and but for "that Yale luck" and Umpire Bovard's decisions, the victory would be where it rightfully belongs.

The players, at least those who live in the vicinity of Boston, have all come home, but will meet at the quarters in Anuradale. There will be no practice secret. Wednesday morning the team leaves for Philadelphia to play the University of Pennsylvania.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 26.—Fred T. Murphy, the Yale football player, who was knocked insensible in the game against Harvard, returned to this city in good condition.

He alighted from a cab about 1 o'clock last night on the college campus and walked to his room as unconcerned as if his name had not been spoken by more mouths than any other person's in America within the past twenty-four hours. He will suffer no permanent effect, whatever from the encounter with Mackie's boot and will play with Yale in the annual game with Princeton at New York next Saturday.

### DISCUSSED THE RACE PROBLEM.

#### Opening Session of the Christian School of the Kingdom.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 26.—The convention or "School of the Kingdom" to be held under the auspices of the American Institute of Christian Sociology and the "National Institutional Church League" opened at Plymouth tabernacle with an address on the race problem by Rev. W. E. C. Wright, D. D., of Cleveland, O. He was followed by Prof. D. Augustus Straker of this city, who delivered a short address on the same subject.

Rev. Dr. Herron of Iowa, president of the American Institute, will preside over the deliberations of the convention which will last eight days. Among the prominent persons who will participate in the proceedings of the convention are Prof. Edward W. Bemis, Ph.D., L.L.D., of the University of Chicago; Samuel Dickie of Albion college; Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, D. D., of Boston; Rev. J. L. Scudder, D. D., of New Jersey; Prof. J. R. Commons, of Indiana State university and Rev. Thomas C. Hall, D. D., of Chicago.

### WOULD BURN THE TOWN.

#### Incendiarists Attempt To Destroy Zanesville, Ohio.

Zanesville, O., Nov. 26.—A systematic attempt was made to destroy the city by fire. At first a false alarm called the engines to the eighth ward, and while they were trying to locate the fire, a real alarm rang in from the seventh ward, a mile distant, where a large barn was burning.

Five minutes later fire broke out in a vacant house in another part of the city, and then there was another alarm from the ninth ward, also an outlying district.

The department was unable to take care of them all and a house belonging to William Muller was consumed and another one slightly damaged. Considerable excitement exists as the fires are regarded as an attempt to burn the town for the purpose of plunder and robbery.

### More Suits Against Carlisle.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Three suits to recover sugar bounty, denied by Secretary Carlisle, have been filed in the United States court of claims by J. A. Murray of New York, attorney on behalf of the Chino Valley Beet Sugar company of New Jersey for \$45,121.34; the Norfolk Beet Sugar company of New Jersey for \$3,093.56, and the Oxford Beet Sugar company for \$11,322.50.

### More Earthquakes in Italy.

Rome, Nov. 24.—The earthquakes and runnings continue in the districts around Milazzo. The panic has not abated and the houses remain unoccupied. The scenes in the affected districts are distressing and ghastly. Many of the injured are horribly mutilated. Graves have been upheaved in the Milazzo cemetery. Fifty thousand persons are homeless and destitute.

### Mrs. Keefe and Son Under Bail.

Dedham, Mass., Nov. 24.—James V. Keefe and mother, Mrs. Rhoda V. Keefe of Hyde Park, were held by Justice Wakefield in \$10,000 bail charged with assault with intent to murder police officer Andrew D. Root and trial justice Henry B. Terry.

### Horses and Cars Burned.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 24.—Fire broke out in the barns of the Allegheny Traction company. Forty-nine horses, seven horse cars, and seven electric cars were burned. Three dwellings adjoining the barns were also destroyed. The entire loss is about \$175,000.

### Four Months for an Agent.

Auburn, N. Y., Nov. 24.—In United States court, Farrar, the Rochester pension agent, who had been convicted of irregularities, was sentenced to four months in the penitentiary for four months.

### District Attorney Wellman Out.

New York, Nov. 24.—Francis L. Wellman has handed in his resignation as assistant district attorney to George F. Ellows. It was he who convicted Kate Harris.

### Cordage Mills Will Close.

Boston, Nov. 24.—The Pearson Cordage company on Dec. 1, will close the sale of its mill. This will deprive more than 300 hands of employment.

### Thirty Soldiers Killed.

Rio Grande do Sul, Nov. 26.—Thirty soldiers were killed in a fight here between men and recruits.

# A WEIRD MYSTERY

## Tracing a Dark Crime.

BY ALEXANDER ROBINSON, M. D.

### CHAPTER XIV.

I began to see things that had been hidden behind a veil of mystery. Leonore—his wife!

Something had come between them in the past, and the old Doctor believed I was to be a guilty man.

Suppose she was guilty, would he ever disclose the past?

I believed him a man of an iron will like his father before him. Truly he said torture could not force him to reveal what he had seen.

"It is a surprise to me, Mr. Ketcham," I said, frankly.

"As much so, perhaps, as the discovery of Theodore's identity was to me."

"Leonore is his wife, and he was making an effort to see her when he looked upon a sight that sent him away again without accomplishing his errand."

"So it seems."

"Honestly now, Mr. Ketcham," since you are not willing to believe that Theodore saw his father killed, what do you suppose he did see upon?"

"He saw his wife enter the old Doctor's room, and her face must have told him that she was crazy for the time. Unable to bear the cruel sight he hastened away, came back to look again and then fled."

"When you told him how his father, instead of committing suicide, as the coroner's jury decided, and the afternoon papers printed, had really been murdered, his mind leaped at once to the dreadful truth, and he closed his lips upon the story."

"That is the most probable view we can place upon the matter, looking upon him in a charitable manner. Whether Leonore is guilty or not, her husband believes now that she slew his father in a fit of insane frenzy, and believing that he is the one who holds the secret, has resolved to die before he will reveal it."

"That straightens the kinks out of the line up to a certain place, Mr. Ketcham."

"Where is that, Doctor?"

"The possible presence of a second party upon that trellis of vines on that night."

Mr. Ketcham was measuring the distance between a crack in the ceiling and a corner of the room. He did not even deign to cast me a glance.

"Ah! Doctor, you have something to say upon that subject?" he drawled.

"Yes, sir. In the first place, Theodore denies having passed more than once each way between the walls and the house."

"There were two trails."

"I know it; and yet they diverged in places."

"You examined the marks?"

"I did."

"And thought they had been made by the same person?"

"At the time I never questioned it, and yet I can now see that a clear examination might have revealed some difference."

"What next, Doctor?"

"Theodore also swears he never owned or carried a tool of the kind I described, and which you affirm is an ingenious device of a burglar or cracksmen."

Mr. Ketcham reached out his hand and took the article in question from his small drawer near him. Not until then did he withdraw his eyes from the ceiling.