

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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Calendar for November and December 1913, including a portrait of a woman and the text 'MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK'.

LATEST NEWS FROM CHINA.

Diplomatic Negotiations Are in Progress.

SOME BOXER DISTURBANCES.

Chancellor Von Bismarck of Germany Denies That That Nation Has Territorial Designs on China—Germany to Claim Share of Benefits.

Friday, November 30. German expedition to Kalgan reported to have met with disaster. Colonel Yorck, commander, said to have died.

American missionaries in China write the state department insisting upon the burning of cities and the killing of the emperor, empress dowager and high court officials.

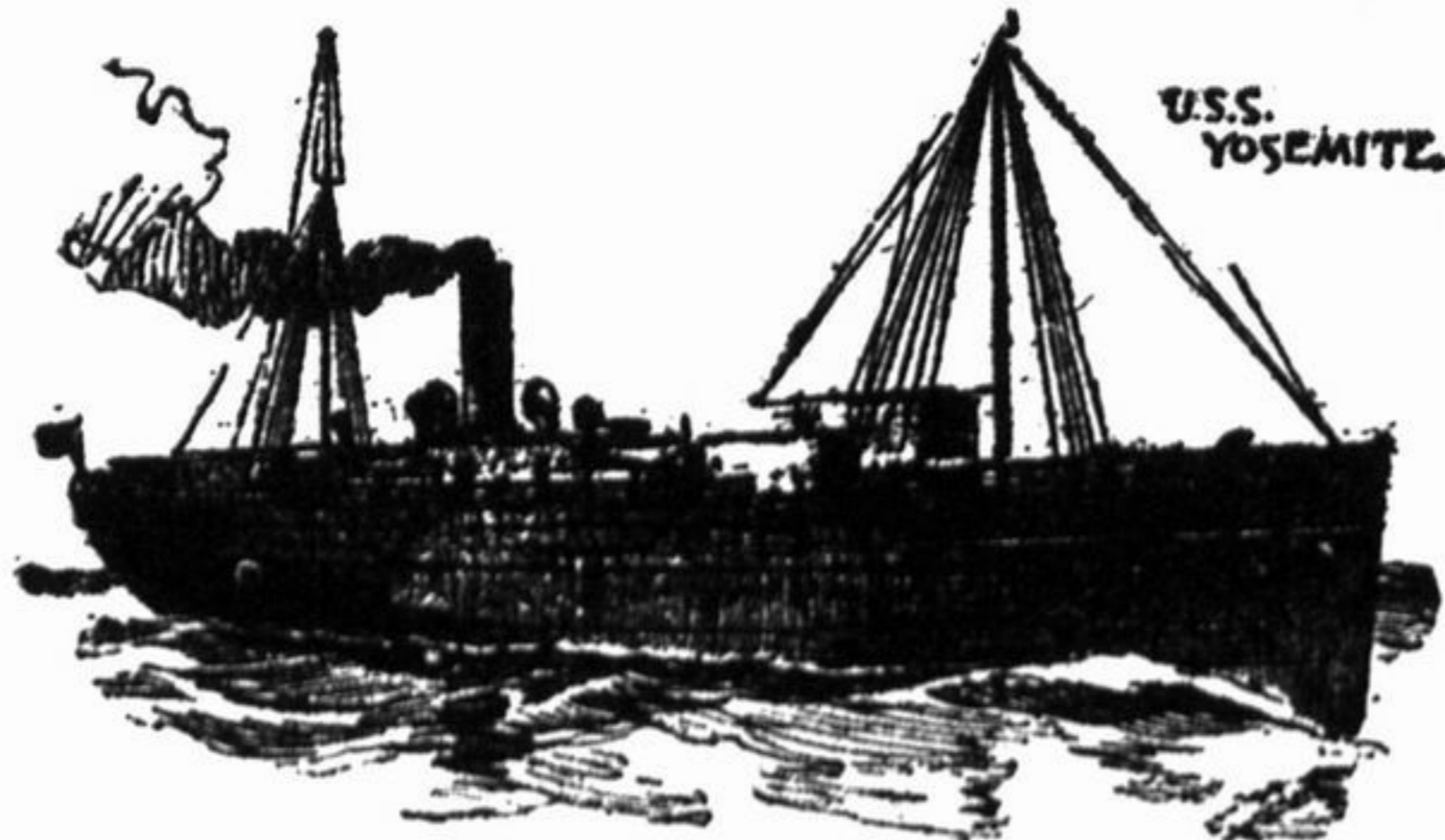
Sunday, December 2. Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese plenipotentiaries, are considering a suggestion which has been made to them that they ascertain what the Dowager Empress thinks of a proposition that the court return from Singan-Fu to Peking under a guarantee of protection, to be given by all the powers. Deficit of \$2,600,000 in

LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Winter wheat—No. 3 red, 94 1/2c; No. 4 red, 94c; No. 3 hard, 94 1/2c; No. 4 hard, 94c; No. 3 white, 94 1/2c; No. 4 white, 94c; No. 3 yellow, 94 1/2c; No. 4 yellow, 94c; No. 3 white, 94 1/2c; No. 4 white, 94c; No. 3 yellow, 94 1/2c; No. 4 yellow, 94c.

Secretary of War Root will frame a bill providing for standing army of 100,000. President to have power to reduce force.

UNITED STATES CRUISER YOSEMITE.



The United States auxiliary cruiser Yosemite parted her cables off the harbor of San Luis d'Apra, Island of Guam, during a typhoon, drifted sixty miles, struck a reef and was wrecked. Five of the crew were drowned. A collier rescued the remainder. Neither the naval nor war officials had received anything up to Thursday regarding the loss of the cruiser Yosemite. The presumption at Washington is that the news of the disaster was brought to Manila by the war department transport Sherman, which is due at that place about this time. According to an arrangement with the

naval office, a war department transport calls monthly at Guam to deliver mail matter intended for the people there, and as the Sherman left San Francisco about the 1st of November, with the expectation of stopping at Guam, she probably learned of the wreck on her way over and reported it on her arrival at Manila. According to the naval register the Yosemite was manned by 18 officers and 267 men, but in her capacity as station ship not all of these were required, and undoubtedly part of them were ashore engaged in duties of the naval station.

Italian budget chargeable to Chinese expedition. Lightning struck powder magazine near Nanking; 300 Chinese killed.

Monday, December 2. A special dispatch from China to the Volks Zeitung reports a fearful mission slaughter in the province of Shan-shi. The first victims were a Catholic bishop and his coadjutors and four Franciscan priests, Italian and French. The governor invited these Christians to his house, pretending to give them better protection, but when they arrived their hands were tied. Thereupon the governor himself pointed them all. Next the governor went to the bishop's residence with a number of soldiers and seized six Marcelline sisters. He promised them money and distinguished husbands if they would renounce Christianity, which offer they unanimously rejected. Thereupon the governor pointed them all, and also a number of Chinese priests, thirty Chinese sisters and 200 orphans from 2 to 15 years of age. Fifteen seminarists, who had hidden themselves in a cistern, were, the dispatch says, tied to stakes and forced to drink the blood of the first victims. They were then killed. A Chinese priest and two Christians, who attempted to escape, were caught and put in a small hut, where they were burned.

Wisconsin a Great Warship. The report of the board which conducted the trial run of the battleship Wisconsin in Santa Barbara channel in October last has just come to hand at the navy department. The corrected speed of the battleship is set down as 17.174 knots. She showed a remarkable freedom from vibrations at ordinary and at full speed, making her in this respect an excellent gun platform. She was found to answer quickly and powerfully to her helm and in general was found to be an efficient battleship, possessing good sea-going qualities, excellent maneuvering power and substantial construction.

Turkey Willing to Pay. American consul at Constantinople notified government that sultan will pay claim for indemnity. Question of consulate at Harpoot still open. Presence of battleship Kentucky at Smyrna had marked effect.

Special Policemen Burglars. Two special policemen have been found in the army of burglars that is terrorizing Cleveland. Saturday Patrolmen Gibbons and Trojan saw two men in a dark doorway and went toward them. The men started away, but were overhauled and it was found they each had a bag of stolen cigars, candy and tobacco. The men were Charles Baker, Jr., and Horatio Richmond, and each wore the badge of a special policeman, being employed by the very merchants whom they had robbed.

Bad Wrecks Near Delavan. Delavan, Ill., Sunday, was the scene of two very bad wrecks on the Chicago and Alton railroad, and they occurred within a mile of each other. The injured are: Charles Fisher of Bloomington, express messenger; internally injured. Fred Schuster of Chicago, mail clerk; hurt in spine and internally injured. Alec Paul, stealing a ride; legs crushed. While coming down a steep hill north of the city the engine of a through freight broke loose from the balance of the train and in trying to couple the two parts together the engine was struck by the train and thrown into the ditch. Some telegraph poles which were on a flat car were thrown into the cab of the engine by the force of the concussion and threw the throttle wide open, pinioning it down in such a manner that the engineer lost all control of the engine and it started down the track at a terrific speed. The engineer and fireman, seeing their danger, jumped and were uninjured, but the engine continued down the track and collided with a Chicago bound passenger train and derailed the train and telescoped the engine.

How Lay Fireproof Eggs. What is claimed is a new species of fowls are being raised by Constable Lineas Perkins, a chicken fancier of New Castle, Pa. His henery is located in the Sixth ward, near an asbestos works, and the chickens are fed on asbestos shavings. People who bought eggs from Perkins complained that they did not cook well. Fire had little effect on them. When eaten raw they seemed to be all right, but they could not be boiled or fried properly. Some young chickens were hatched from the eggs, and instead of having feathers the new brood is growing a covering of down that resembles asbestos. They are unlike anything ever seen in the chicken line.

Railway to Use Telephone. The Northern Pacific railway has decided to substitute the telephone for the present telegraph system of the road, and will build and equip long-distance and divisional telephone lines to take the place of the telegraph wherever it is deemed practicable.

Thanksgiving Day in London. More than 400 Americans were present at the Hotel Cecil Thursday evening at the Thanksgiving dinner given under the auspices of the American Society in London. F. C. Van Duser, president of the society, was in the chair, and the guests included Baron Alverstone, lord chief justice of England; William Grant Gully, coxswain of the house of commons; Sir Isaac Charles Mackay of the queen's bench division of the high court of justice; Frank Jones, lord mayor of London; and

Robbers Left Safe Loaded. News reached Nashville, Tenn., of a singular bank-robbery explosion at Jonesboro, Tenn., where a gang of robbers made a desperate effort a few days ago to loot the First National bank. In their efforts to blow the safe the robbers used nitroglycerin, but the first charge failed to demolish the safe doors, though it injured the combination. They were frightened off. The services of Harry Knight, a safe expert from Cincinnati, were secured to assist the bank officials in opening the safe. While Knight was tapping the doors there was a terrific explosion that wrecked the entire office and shattered windows in the vicinity of the bank. Pieces of twisted steel were torn from the safe doors and hurled violently across the room. One piece demolished the desk and office chair, passing within a few inches of Cashier Charles McPherson's head, finally crashing through a door. The hammer in the hand of Expert Knight was torn from the handle and sent through the plate-glass front window. About ten persons were in the bank at the time, but escaped serious injury.

Fear a Belgian Hare Pest. Secretary Wilson of the United States department of agriculture views with alarm the greatly increasing number of Belgian hares in the west. In his last report, just issued, he said: "The state board of agriculture of California has estimated that several thousand of the animals are already at large in that state. If they increase as rapidly when at large as they do in captivity, they will undoubtedly become a source of danger, and stringent measures may be required to keep them under control. Still more dangerous would be the introduction of the Belgian hare into Porto Rico, where the question of its acclimation has already excited interest."

Death of Football Injury. Trumbull Kelly, left tackle of the Capital Culture football club of Johnstown, Pa., died at that city from the effects of an accident in a game with the Indiana State Normal school team. Kelly tackled Full Back Long and was thrown, Long's knee striking him on the back of the head. He never regained consciousness. Kelly's home was at West Superior, Wis. He was a Yale graduate and was employed as draftsman by the Cambria Iron company. Louis Gilmore, captain of the high school football team, died at Lowell, Mass., as a result of injuries in a game on Thanksgiving day. His back was broken.

To Corner the Nickel Market. The curl of Dunmore of Scotland has arrived at Vancouver, B. C., after a year of travel through Australia and the South Sea Islands. He claims to have arranged a corner on the nickel market for the western coast and practically the whole of the United States. He largely controls several large nickel-producing properties in Europe, and a few weeks ago concluded the purchase of the large mines of French New Caledonia. He invested over \$300,000 cash in these properties, and says he will soon be able to control the markets of the United States from their output.

Jeff Davis' Slave in Poverty. Accustomed to a life of plenty, Mrs. Adelia Burton, colored, is compelled in her declining years to face actual poverty. Notwithstanding that the woman, who is 87 years old, was a slave during the greater portion of her life, and that the hardest duties she was asked to perform were those of maid in some of the best southern families, including the family of Jefferson Davis, Mrs. Burton's only place of refuge now is in a shed in the rear of No. 7323 Railroad avenue, Chicago.

McKinley's Thanksgiving Dinner. All the executive departments of the government were closed Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving day. It was a quiet day at the White House. President McKinley attended service at the Metropolitan M. E. church in the forenoon. Mrs. McKinley took a short drive during the morning. According to their annual custom, the President and Mrs. McKinley had their Thanksgiving dinner alone at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Death Breaks Up a Feast. Awaiting the return home for Thanksgiving dinner of Herman Levy his family sat at the table in Chicago and waited several hours for him. Just as they were giving up hope of hearing from him a messenger brought them a telegram announcing that he had been found dead in Hotel Julien in Dubuque, Iowa, where he stopped on his way home. Mrs. Levy fainted and is now seriously ill.

Rich Man Becomes Insane. Herbert Barnes of New Haven, Conn., a director in the Swift Beef company of Chicago, president of the Hygienic Ice company and a member of the firm of Strong, Barnes, Hart & Co. of New Haven, has become mentally deranged and was removed to Dr. Stearns' private retreat for the insane at Hartford. He is very wealthy.

Fire Rains Kentucky Town. Fenton, Ky., was visited by a fire that destroyed twenty establishments and caused a loss of \$250,000. The blaze originated in the Kirk dry goods store, where it is supposed to have been started by burglars, and nearly all the business section was laid in ruins.

Another Victory for Simms. Thursday night Art Simms of Albany was given the decision over Joe Leonard of Buffalo after twenty rounds of close fighting at Elm, Pa.

MANY ROASTED TO DEATH.

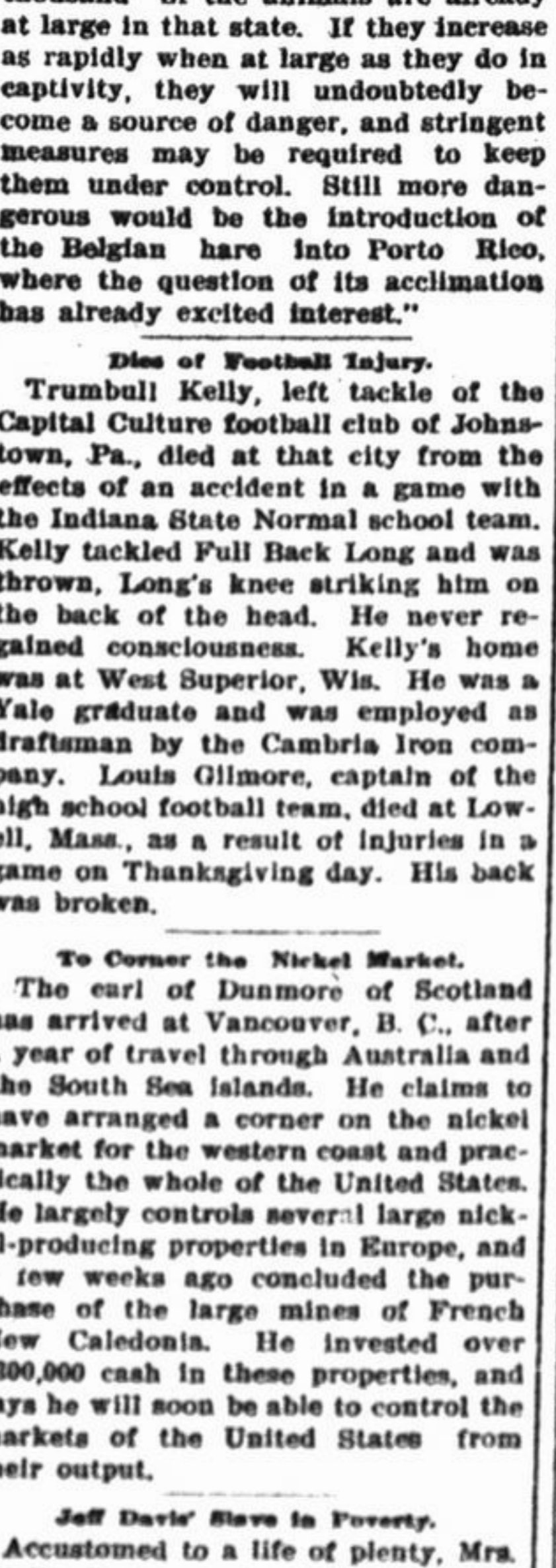
Over 100 Men and Boys Fall on White-Hot Furnace.

THEY CRASH THROUGH ROOF.

Warnings Unheeded by the Ventresome Fellows, Who Were Witnessing a Football Game from the Roof of a Factory—Thirteen Dead, Others Dying.

Thirteen persons were killed and more than 100 injured, some of them fatally, by the collapse of the roof of a building from where they were surreptitiously viewing a football game between the Stanford and University of California teams Thursday afternoon in San Francisco. All the hospital and police ambulances were called into requisition and private carriages were taken from the paddock of the football arena and pressed into service. Dead and wounded were hurried away to various hospitals, and in some instances to their homes, so that it is impossible to make up a complete list of the victims, although eighty-two have been cared for. The accident occurred at the San Francisco and Pacific glass works, located at Fifteenth and Bryant streets. Despite the efforts of a large force of

IS THE CZAR RECOVERING?



All Europe is troubled by the news from Livadia, in Southern Russia, that the Emperor Nicholas has been attacked by typhoid fever. His death at this critical period might involve consequences so serious that the statesmen of many countries are disturbed by the possibility of such an event. It appears that a few weeks ago the emperor caught cold, but as he was at the Livadia palace where the climate is mild, it was thought that he would speedily recover. But the cold turned to influenza and now it has been followed by typhoid. As he is a young man—only thirty-two years old—there would not be much reason for anxiety, were it not that his constitution, never robust, has been weakened by influenza. The bulletins of the physicians indicate that the disease is taking its normal course and so far are reassuring. The situation, however, is deemed sufficiently serious to require the presence of the heir presumptive to the throne, the Grand Duke Michael, who was on a visit to the court of his grandfather, the King of Denmark, and he has accordingly gone to Russia. He is a younger brother of the emperor, and is twenty-two years old. Unless a posthumous son of the Emperor is born, Michael would become emperor if his brother were to die. Very little is known of him, hence the anxiety that is felt in view of the possibility of his succeeding to the throne. Nor would the situation be improved by the birth of a son to the emperor, for that would involve a long minority during which rival Russian statesmen might cause divided councils in the management of imperial affairs.

Police and private guards at the works, 500 persons had broken through the lines and clambered to the roof, which afforded a fine view of the game.

Warnings Not Heeded. The proprietors of the factory realized the danger to those on the roof, but repeated warnings were turned back by jeers. The nearest police station was notified of the condition of affairs and a squad of officers had just arrived to dislodge the trespassers when the roof gave way. Ninety-eight persons fell through the roof to the floor below. The furnace was in full blast and the heat was terrific. The dome of the furnace is broken in one spot, and it is here that Gumper is believed to have plunged through to a frightful death. The crash of the breaking roof and the shouts and screams of the victims were heard for blocks. The dense crowds that immediately gathered around the glass-works made the work of rescue difficult.

Eleven People Dead in Wreck. Details of a disastrous passenger and freight train wreck on the Mexican Central railway, twenty-five miles south of Jimulco, Mexico, and 400 miles distant from El Paso, on Friday night, reached El Paso. The south-bound passenger train, while running at full speed, crashed into the two engines of a double-header freight coming north. The three engines and many cars were utterly demolished, eleven passengers are known to have been killed outright, and twenty seriously injured, some of them fatally. The wreck was one of the most complete on the Mexican Central for years. The three engines were torn to pieces, a half dozen cars were piled up in a heap, and several of them smashed into kindling wood.

Twenty-five terra cotta statues in Boston museum of Fine Arts prove to be bogus.

Fortured to Death. John Baines, a former constable, was killed Monday morning at Dallas, Tex. The police found him running wildly in Elm street, on fire. His eyes had been burnt out and his clothes saturated with turpentine and ignited. He lived one hour, perfectly conscious. He made a dying statement to the state's attorney, on the strength of which John Chapman and Ed Faulkner, as lion-keepers, were arrested, charged with murder.

Two American miners who arrived at El Paso Tex., brought news of a fierce battle last Sunday between Mexican soldiers and Yaqui Indians near Soyapa, Socorro, Mexico. The troops had been sent in pursuit of the Indians who had robbed the two miners, Seth Tompkins and William Lowe, and made them prisoners. The soldiers had twenty men killed and the Indians six. During the battle the Americans escaped.