

THE CROW STUFFED.

Commemorate a Lively Experience.

...crow, artistically mounted in a ... black plumage as ... in life, adorns the studio of a ...

... possession of that crow in a ... manner." The bird's owner ... in talking anyone who will listen ... spending the summer where I ... in Ohio, on the lower Scioto ...

...crows out there put in most ... along the edge of the river ... up muskels, crawfish and the big ... that abound. They are not ... and shy as crows are in the East, ... come quite close to you while ... their prey in the water. They ... do out in the stream until half ... is submerged, and thrust their ... down into the water like a duck to ... or a crawfish out.

...best game fish in the Scioto is ... bass not unlike our small ... black bass. There is a peculiarly ... strong and tough minnow in ... that next to the shadder crawfish, is ... killing bait for crappie. These ... in the deep water in the summer ... until some one discovered a peco ... about this minnow I speak of ... difficult to get a line out in artitic ... to some of the choice crappie The minnow usually keeps close ... shore but years ago a fisherman ... the discovery that as soon as they ... but on the hook they would lose ... heads and rush frantically for the ... water, taking the hook just where it ... tated. To enable the minnow to ... with greater ease, very fine and ... but strong silk line is used, and ... not much larger than a trout fly ...

... was very much taken with crappie ... and had great luck with them. ... I had run my hook through an ... fine minnow, and he had rushed ... into the deep water, ... a hundred feet of line with him ... in the shadow of a maple tree on ... here, smoking and waiting for a ... to seize the crazy bait fish. I ... waited ten minutes, when ... the line began to fly off my reel ... on my feet in a minute, and gave ... untized twist to hook my fish, when I ... amazed to see the line come right up ... the water, while the reel kept on ... ing. The line bore off to my right, ... in that direction I saw a crow ... on the limb of a tree about forty ... down the stream, with my line hang ... from its mouth and the bird clawing ... first with one foot and then the ... trying to pull it out. I took in ... situation in an instant. My minnow ... evidently regained its senses after ... ing out in the deep water, and had ... and made it way back to shore ... coming in far below where it had ... from. This crow had been there, ... giance, and as soon as the minnow ... an appearance had snapped it up, ... loved it, and with it my hook and a ... of line.

... With the intention of saving as ... of my line as I could I began to ... it in. As soon as it became taut and ... roving felt it pulling on his insides, the ... instead of flying away and snapping ... it, as I supposed of course he ... followed the pull of the line and ... toward me, squawking in the most ... rising manner. Having caused the ... to slack the crow lit on the ground ... than a minute other crows came ... up and down the river, each one ... rering the cries of my crow in the ... frantic manner. I took up the ... in the line, and the crows circled ... at the one that had swallowed my ... and made vicious dives at me, until ... rtly wished the infernal crow that ... hooked itself would rise up, break ... line, and take itself and its-yetling ... panions off.

... The hook, as I discovered afterward, ... buried deep in the crow's stomach, ... the bird had found that a tightened ... pulled the hook further in and ... increased pain. Therefore, he ... the line as I reeled, instead of ... ing out against it, and the uproarious ... of crows, which kept increasing, ... ved him.

... Finally, I gave the line a vicious ... , hoping to break it; but it didn't ... k, and with a more unearthly squawk ... over, the hooked crow flew straight ... beam which struck him (Laidlaw) would ... struck me plump in the breast, and ... and a grab and caught it around the ... k. The other crows dabbed and ... oped around me, and I dropped my ... and picked up a long stick that lay ... ar, and, keeping my hand on the crow ... and captured, I whanged away among ... yelling flock. After I had knocked ... or three of them over, the rest of ... took to neighboring trees, where ... y ooked and squawked and yelled ... me in the most terrific fashion, and ... pt it up until I had strangled my crow ... death, and it no longer excited the ... s by its snapping and kicking, ... on they gradually flew away, and I ... d hear them cawing their indigna ... long after they were out of my ... ht.

... "I thought the exciting and unusual ... venture was worth being commemo ... ed, and so I had the crow, so strangely ... ptured, stuffed and mounted as you ... e him there, and I wouldn't take a ... all farm for him."—(New York Sun.)

... The Swiss Government proposes to as ... proprietorship of the manufacture ... matches, the plan being to purchase ... various works now in operation. It ... estimated that this will cost upwards of ... 000,000, and the Government expects to ... an annual profit of about \$125,000 ... the business.

... The relations of France and Germany at ... as is indicated here.

IS CURTIS INNOCENT

Said He is the Victim of Police Persecution.

TRIAL TO BEGIN THIS WEEK.

The Actor's Counsel is Confidant He Will Be Acquitted.

It Will Be Shown at the Trial That Two Men Were With the Murdered Policeman—Both of Them Arrested and the Guilty One, It is Alleged, Allowed to Escape—Strange Circumstances in the Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—The trial of M. B. Curtis, well-known on the stage as Sam'l of Posen, who is charged with the murder of Policeman Alexander Grant, will be begun in the Superior Court this week.

The case against him was purely one of circumstantial evidence. The dead policeman was found on the sidewalk at midnight, and Curtis was captured in an intoxicated condition as he was running away nearly a block from where the policeman's body lay.

Curtis denied doing the shooting, but the police made out a strong case and produced a revolver which they claimed to have found in the street not far from where Grant's body was found.

The police also succeeded in making Curtis out as the owner of the revolver. At the preliminary examination the police brought forward alleged witnesses to the shooting, and notwithstanding that one of the witnesses named Johnson, confessed to having committed perjury, Curtis was held for murder and committed for trial without bail.

A startling rumor is afloat to-day that Curtis was not only innocent of the crime with which he is charged, but that he was the victim of a police conspiracy.

Investigation seems to substantiate this story, and it looks as if Mr. Curtis would be acquitted when the case is tried. Attorney George A. Knight, counsel for Curtis, makes the following statement:

"The case of Mr. Curtis is simply one of conspiracy and persecution by the police department. Curtis is an innocent man, and we will have no difficulty in securing for him a triumphant acquittal. We will prove at the trial that there were two men with Policeman Grant the night the murder was committed."

"Both men were under arrest, and a policeman had the nippers on the wrists of both. One of them was M. B. Curtis, the other unknown prisoner was the man who fired the shot that killed Policeman Grant."

"We will prove that Capt. Lees, of the detective force, was in full possession of these facts early the next morning. Our witnesses for the defense will not only prove that, but will also prove that they notified the police of the facts, and the police failed to act upon the information they received."

"Curtis maintained from the first that he never shot Grant. For a long time we thought we would maintain for the defense that Curtis did the shooting, as we might make stronger defense, for the reason that Grant was not in uniform, did not have on a policeman's star and was in a locality where footpads are numerous."

"If Curtis had shot this man—all he would have to say in defense of his act would be that an unknown man not in uniform assaulted him. But we have since discovered the evidence I speak of, and now have a clear case of conspiracy by the police."

"The police allowed the guilty man to escape and having a dead man on their hands thought they could fix this terrible crime on poor Curtis and that the facts would never come out."

Russell Sage to be Sued.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—W. R. Laidlaw, jr., the banker's clerk who was seriously injured by the explosion of the bomb in Russell Sage's office, intends shortly to begin his suit for damages against Mr. Sage for the injuries he received through being used as a shield by the eminent financier. He will be able to leave St. Vincent's Hospital in a few days, but will bear the scars of his wounds for life. He has been advised that he has good grounds for a recovery of damages, and will sue for a large sum. A prominent physician states that had not Laidlaw been in front of the millionaire, the beam which struck him (Laidlaw) would doubtless have ripped open Mr. Sage's stomach.

New York's Legislature.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The active sessions of the State Legislature begin to-morrow night at 8 o'clock, when both branches meet. In the Assembly Speaker Bush will announce his full committee and in the Senate President pro tem Cantor will announce his. After these committees the balance of clerks and messengers will settle down to routine business. The assembly has already a calendar of twenty-nine bills and a deluge of new proposed measures is anticipated for to-morrow.

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Referee Shaw's report on the accounts of Receiver Broadhead of the Ulster County Savings Institutions of Kingston has been confirmed by Justice Fursman. The receiver holds \$2,030,787 and the deficit is \$365,918. An order was signed directing the receiver to pay the receipts to a new board of directors and permitting the bank to resume on a basis of 85 per cent.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—By the death of Henry E. Oswald at the County Hospital the list of fatalities caused by Friday's better explosion in the Warren Springer building is increased to five. James Higgins, the only surviving victim, is still at the County Hospital. His death is momentarily expected.

THE KREBS DISASTER.

Claimed that Nineteen Men Are Still in the Mine.

McAlister, I. T., Jan. 11.—Perhaps it will never be known just how many lives were lost in the accident at Krebs. Some of the galleries and approaches are so blocked with debris that it is nearly impossible to open them.

The mine officials now claim that only one man is missing. This is an Italian named Antonio Guesstal, who seems to have no family and no friends except those who were killed. His body is supposed to be near the main entry under a mass of rocks, which are now being removed.

The men claim that there are others dead or imprisoned in the mine. There were 335 men working in the mine on Thursday, according to the pay roll and the tally reports of every man who goes down the shaft. Of these 51 dead bodies have been recovered, 137 men escaped by way of shaft No. 7, now used as a ventilating shaft, and 108 were taken from the main shaft in a critical condition. This leaves 39 still unaccounted for.

The list of those who escaped by shaft No. 7 and of those who were taken from the main shaft is known to be incomplete, and it is believed that 20 have escaped and were not listed. This leaves 19 men still in the mine.

The work of recovering the bodies is very slow, and is impeded by the caving in of shafts and galleries. It is believed that all who escaped death have been rescued. No signs of live miners entombed within the mine were detected this morning, and the rescuers now expect to find nothing but the remains of the dead. It is claimed now that the undue haste of the entrymen to get away from the mine caused the death of many miners. The entrymen fire their own shots.

John Hurley and John Williams are blamed as the authors of the accident, but death has already called them to a higher court.

The mine committee and the owners will hold an investigation into the cause of the accident. Missouri, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Ohio and other great mining States have State inspectors of mines, but there is no such officer in the Indian Territory.

BOUND TO KILL THE JUDGE.

Botkin's Life Unsafe If He Does Not Retire from the Bench.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 11.—Joseph Pitzer of Arkalon, attorney for James Brennan and an intimate friend of Judge Botkin, who has had a long consultation with Governor Humphrey in regard to the condition of affairs which exists in the Thirty-second judicial district, says that there is an oath-bound organization of Citizen's Alliance men in Woodsdale and Springfield, whose object it is to kill Judge Botkin, and that if he does not retire from the bench they will eventually depose him.

"Judge Botkin is just as likely to be killed in Stevens' county or Morton as in Seward," said Mr. Pitzer. "It will be necessary not only to arrest those who participated in the plot to kill him but those who knew of it as well and who neglected to inform the authorities."

Of the six prisoners now held under suspicion of being connected with the murder of Dunn, but two will be held for trial, Anderson and Leach, they having been recognized by Sheriff Guyman and others who were attacked by the mob. No more of the 30 warrants will be issued at present, as the county attorney does not have evidence that will hold them. It having been revealed that the witness, Hutchinson, who is supposed to have given the conspiracy away, might be in danger, he will be removed to a place of safety as soon as possible.

THE NEW RULES.

Speaker Crisp to Make Several Changes in the Code.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Speaker Crisp is recovering, though it is not thought it would be safe for him to go out for some time yet, lest he should take cold, being in a weak physical condition. He will probably be able to begin the consideration of the new rules within a few days.

The other Democrats of the Committee on Rules will confer with him at his hotel as soon as it is thought desirable for him to begin work. In this way the majority report will probably be got ready, so that there will be no delay in its presentation to the House after the Speaker resumes his duties at the Capitol.

There is really not a great amount of work to be done on the rules. The code of the Fifty-fifth Congress will form the basis, and but few changes will be necessary to make the rules conform to the ideas of the Speaker and the leaders of the majority of this House.

The code will not contain any arbitrary features, but some of the laxity of the old Carlisle rules will be corrected.

It is probable that the right to legislate on appropriation and to reduce expenditures will be restored.

Mitchell Challenges the World.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Charley Mitchell has telegraphed from Chicago to the "Police Gazette" announcing that he will never again engage in a glove contest, either according to the London prize ring rules, or the "Police Gazette" rules, but he will meet any man in the world in a limited number of rounds.

He will not accept the offer of the Olympic Club of New Orleans to put up a purse of \$12,000 for a contest with Bob Fitzsimmons, and he will not arrange any match until after he meets Jim Corbett in Madison Square Garden, New York, on February 11.

Augusta and Ada are Out.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—It is rumored in theatrical circles that Ada Rehan, the well known leading lady of Daly's company, had quarrelled with Mr. Augustin Daly, and that the disagreement was so serious as to involve her possible retirement from Mr. Daly's company at the expiration of her present contract with that gentleman. Color is given to the report by the fact that Miss Rehan is not in the east of the new play, "The Cabinet Minister," which is to be produced at Daly's Theatre this week.

REVOLT IN MEXICO

General Uprising Probable in Several States.

GARZA GAINING RECRUITS.

President Diaz Appealed to for More Troops to Crush the Rebellion.

Monterey to Be Attacked First—General Stanley Thinks There Will Be no More Trouble on This Side of the Border—The Critical Situation of Captain Chase—Much Anxiety Felt for the Safety of His Command.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 11.—The startling information is brought here by J. C. Godfrey from Piedras Negras, Mexico, that there is a general uprising threatened in the States of Durango, Chihuahua, Coahuila and Sonora, and that the malcontents are well organized and will flock to the standard of Garza. He states that in parts of Chihuahua, the poorer classes have already revolted and are marching in bands of from 300 to 400 across the country committing depredations. The objective points of these forces is said to be Monterey. The Governor of Chihuahua has appealed to President Diaz for more troops to put down the rebellion.

Gen. David S. Stanley is of the opinion that there will be no more serious engagement with the Garza men on this side of the border, for the present, at least.

He states that they will not attack the Government troops unless cornered, and in that event he places confidence in the ability of the troops.

The officers whose command is now regarded in most critical situation, is Capt. George E. Chase, who was to have reached the Palito Blanca ranch, 17 miles southeast of San Diego, at which place the Mexican authorities and Gen. Lorenzo Garcia, particularly, claim that Garza has his headquarters. Capt. Chase has instructions to make a thorough search of the ranch, and the result of his expedition is awaited with much interest, and no little anxiety at department headquarters here.

Their Bodies Not Yet Recovered.

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The bodies of Supt. Sherman of the Springfield, Mass., Bridge company and a working man named Denny also from that place, who were drowned while rowing across the river near Watertown, Saturday, have never been recovered. The river is so turbulent that search will probably be futile. They were engaged in building an iron bridge near Black River.

Ives Challenges the Winner.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Frank C. Ives, the "Young Napoleon of Billiards," is ambitious for championship honors. He has deposited \$250 with the Brunswick-Balke-Collider Company and has issued a challenge to the winner of the Schaeffer-Slosson match to be played in New York Jan. 22 for the emblem and championship of the world at fourteen-inch balk line billiards.

Stables and Horses Burned.

NASADA, N. H., Jan. 11.—Fire destroyed the hack stables of Marsh & Howland, located on Lovell street. Eleven horses, ten hacks, one barouche, twelve tons of hay, grain, harness, etc., were also consumed. Loss, \$6,000; insurance, \$4,000. The stables were owned by the heirs of C. R. McClary. Their loss is \$3,000; insurance, \$2,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Must Do Business on the Mutual Plan.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 11.—A decree has been issued by Judge Simonon requiring the Quaker City Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia to hereafter conduct its business on the purely mutual plan, with the premium rates as a basis of security. The judge also directs the company to keep a separate bank account to the credit of the corporation.

Disturbance in a Catholic Church.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 11.—The sacrilegious disturbances which occurred in the Hungarian Church at Plymouth, a few months since, have again occurred owing to factional feeling regarding a prominent priest. Revolvers played a prominent part, and although an armed force is guarding the church, a sanguinary outbreak is momentarily expected.

State's Attorney-General Bernard Dead.

FRANKLIN FALLS, N. H., Jan. 11.—State's Attorney-General Daniel Bernard died of pneumonia at his home in Franklin Village yesterday. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters. His eldest son, James E. Bernard, is his law partner. Attorney-General Bernard was born in Orange, N. H., and was 60 years of age.

A Church Consecrated.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Jan. 11.—Trinity Reformed Church of this place, which has been greatly changed and enlarged, was consecrated yesterday by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Barkley. Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., President of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, preached in the morning and Prof. J. C. Bowman, of the same institution, in the evening.

Sensation Over an Elopement.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 11.—The elopement of Miss Hattie Hopping, of Littleton avenue, with George Wirtz, a salesman in a Broad street drygoods house, created quite a sensation in the West End when the news leaked out to-day. The parties went to Paterson Friday night, where they were married. Miss Hopping is well known among the elite of Newark, and was engaged to be married to a Mr. Valentine.

THE REPORT UNCONFIRMED.

China Has Not Withdrawn Her Objections to Ex-Senator Blair.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Inquiry among officials who would be acquainted with the fact, did it exist, fails to confirm the report, purporting to be a cablegram, published in a New York paper, that China had withdrawn her objection to ex-Senator Blair as Minister of the United States to that country.

No such information has been received at the Chinese Embassy here, and as the protest against Mr. Blair was transmitted to the home government by the notification to the Pekin officials of the change of mind of the Pekin officials would be made through the same channel. It is said by an official in a position to speak advisedly, that there is not the remotest possibility of the Chinese Government changing its opinion as to the desirability of Mr. Blair as Minister to that country.

SHE MAY RECOVER.

Possibility that Mrs. C. S. Quackenbush's Wound May Not Prove Fatal.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 11.—It is possible that Mrs. C. S. Quackenbush, who was shot by her husband Friday night, may recover. Her recovery was at first doubted, but yesterday afternoon she rallied sufficiently to undergo an operation.

The bullet, which was found lodged two inches from the left ear, had, in its course, passed through a portion of the brain.

Mrs. E. L. Stender, Quackenbush's only sister, came to this city yesterday from Syracuse, N. Y., with her son. The latter will take Quackenbush's body to Syracuse to-day. Mrs. Stender explained that several years ago, while in Montana, her brother received a wound in the head, which, she believed, affected his brain.

DR. GRAVES' CASE.

His Only Hope Now Lies in the Supreme Court.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 11.—Dr. Graves will not get a new trial unless the Supreme Court grants it. Judge Rising has refused a new trial and also denied the motion for a continuance of judgment. A motion for arrest of judgment was then filed. This will be heard to-day, and if denied sentence of death will be immediately passed.

Dr. Graves was in the court-room while the matter was pending. He looked well and greeted his friends warmly. Later he was taken to see his wife. The interview was a sad one and was very effecting.

Mrs. Graves physicians to-night report that her condition is much improved.

Will Dance Till the "Messiah" Comes.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Jan. 11.—Nearly 1,000 Indians, on a large level mound on the Arkansas River, in the Cherokee Strip, are holding a religious dance day and night, and are awaiting the coming of the Messiah. All of the Pawnees are there, and many Kaws, Otoes and Osages. Some have come several hundred miles, bringing ponies and cattle to sacrifice, and others have spent all their money for presents to give to their Saviour. One trader has sold nearly \$1,000 worth of presents to them. They are not hostile to the whites, but say they will not stop the ceremonies until the Messiah appears. During the last few days five or six of the dancers have died from over-exertion and exposure.

Worked the Merchants of Johnstown, Pa.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 11.—Some months ago a man named F. M. Willey came here from Phillipsburg and started a collecting agency. His scheme was to get the merchants to help him with accounts outstanding to pay \$7.50 to join what he called the Eureka Collecting Agency, of Philadelphia, guaranteeing them that he would collect all their bad debts on a basis of 15 or 20 per cent. if they became members of the agency. Willing succeeded in getting a large number of patrons and collected many debts. He has skipped without turning over a cent of money. His downfall is attributed to drinking and gambling.

Native Doctors Hastened His Death.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A Cairo dispatch says that an inquiry is being held by the highest medical authorities of Egypt relative to the death of the Khedive. Dr. Rogers, Pasha Chief of the Egyptian sanitary service, presides, and is assisted by Dr. Will, a German. Dr. Binet, and two natives. The inquiry is said to have developed the fact that the native doctors administered morphia hypodermically to an extent that may probably have hastened his death.

Prince of Wales' Son Has Pneumonia.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Alarm has been caused in the royal circle by the serious illness of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, eldest son of the Prince of Wales. The Duke has been showing signs of illness for some days, but it was hoped that he had nothing more than a cold. To-day, however, it is apparent that the Duke has a severe attack of influenza, and that it is complicated with pneumonia.

Bob Sims' Daughters Not Lynched.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 11.—The "Register's" correspondent telegraphs from Shubuta, Miss., that Neal Sims, the brother of Bob, is surrounded in a swamp on Pearl River in Mississippi. The report that he and two daughters of Bob Sims had been lynched was false.

Cotta Granted a Stay.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The Italian murderer Cotta, who was sentenced a few weeks ago in Brooklyn, to pay the death penalty during the week beginning Jan. 18, has been granted a stay pending an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Destitution in Quebec.

QUEBEC, Jan. 11.—There is much destitution in this city. A mass-meeting of over 4,000 unemployed workmen was held Saturday afternoon and resolutions adopted petitioning the government and city council to provide them with work.