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Norwalk, Conn., Saturday Evening, December 26, 1896.

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#### It is Time To Call a Halt.

A score of years ago a discredited citizen of Westport, greatly to the delight and relief of that town, emptied | Will Not be Greatly Appreciahimself upon, Norwalk. His advent here was followed by the accusation that he was suspended from his Masonic lodge there for cause, and then by affidavits accusing him of the most revolting conduct. Despite all this, he soon gained entrance to St. John's Lodge, and proceeded to rule it with autocratic domination, and ran it, as was his wont, to dangerously near its ruin, when the Grand Lodge of the State came to its rescue by expelling from the order of Masons the cause of

Not only this; as soon as a new board of town or borough officers were elected, he by cajolary and flattery, or outrageous abuse when the former failed, sought to "run" all our local affairs to the end that he might coerce provender to his disreputable newspaper mill.

This miscreant's present malignity finds vent in abuse of our city Council, his latest personal assault being aimed at Councilman Boyer, a man to the Manor born: known and read of all men; a gentleman who wished to relinguish the office and whom many of our best citizens and largest taxpayers, personally arged, to serve the city, because of his well known honesty, financial ability and unselfish, public spiritedness. The hypocracy of the reptile's false inuendoes and sham pleas for economy, are fully shown by the fact that he himself makes no move towards returning to the public treasury the five hundred dollars he inveigled the soft hearted Selectman Daskam to give him, in violation of all honesty and deceney.

His well known vanity will no doubt send him to the city meeting on Monday afternoon, where he will again attempt to "run" things to suit himself.

Is it not about time a balt was called and a ring put in the snout of this roaring, greedy, beast of prey.

#### His First Mass.

Rev. Father John H. Sheehan of Norwalk who was ordained a priestlast week Friday, celebrated his first mass at St. Marv's church vesterday, a church which he had attended as a Sunday school scholar in his boyhood days. Father Sheehan was greeted by an audience of over 1,000 people, and celebrated the mass in a most impres siye manner. Rev. Father Barry acted as deacon and Stephen Sheehan a brother of the celebrant was sub-deacon. It was a happy welcome to the young priest, and his hearers were deeply impressed with the fact that he is bound to succeed in his mission as a \* Catholic priest. After the celebration of the mass Father Sheehan blessed individually nearly every member of the large congregation. He is a graduate of the St. Bonaventure college and will no doubt make a record that will be creditable both to the college, himself and his many friends.

#### Was a Day of Cheer.

Norwalk churches were thronged with worshipers, families were reunited, the young and gav were out sleigh riding galore, the poor were not forgotten, and food and clothing for the needy and toys for the destitute children were widely distributed, and joy reigned throughout the town.

The day was an ideal Christmas, and it is doubtful if more general and substantial reminders of the world's festival were ever before more widely and generously bestowed upon the needy hereabouts.

#### Kaboasa Officers.

Kabaosa Encampment, I. O. O. F. met Thursday evening and elected the following officers: Charles W. Littell, C. P.; Victor S. Selleck, H. P.; Edward Street, S. W.; St. John Merrill, S.; Bradley S. Keith, T.; Fletcher Van Hopsear, J. W. The appointive officers will be "called" later by the C. P. All will be installed by District Deputy Charles Chermann on the second Thursday in January.

#### Our National Bird.

Roast turkey yesterday; cold turkey to-day; turkey hash to-morrow; turkey bone soup Monday. Vive la turkey.

-Owing to the continued illness of Mr. Frank I. Jones, the crockery store No. 23 Wall street will sell goods for the next 20 days at a great sacrifice. This is the place and now is the time for Bargains.

### A DEGIDED CHANGE.

ted by the General Public.

It Couldn't Be Helped

A change that will not meet with the hearty co-operation of the business men of Norwalk has been made by the Western Union Telegraph company in this city. It is however in conformity with an understanding reached between the Consolidated railroad and the Western Union Telegraph company, and as promulgated some months since, all along the lines of the company's road where the offices were located in the railroad stations.

Mr. Hoyt the local manager of the were to be made and himself considered in the employ of the railroad company

from that date. Yesterday as a Christmas present, be.

Hereafter the local business will be to-day the wires are being changed to our neighbors. the office of the agent.

manager who was editor and publisher of the Jeffersonian, that his rattle-box machine that printed messages in blurred letters was n. g. and that he could tell by -- .- . . . as readily and with less mental worriment. From there he went to New York and was lo-Broad streets. From there to before, would she after marriage?" Fall River, New Rochelle, etc, until he Common sense auswered no. There suspicious but at a meeting of the counfinally landed back at Norwalk to ac-Pacific company, and later the Ameri- sense. In the face of these things, she can Union which offices owing to his did just what every high-minded local popularity he made winners.

He conducted the office for the latter company up to 1882 at which time the and unqualifiedly endorsed the sen- ily of her son. line was absorbed by the Western Union company, since which time Mr. maintain. And, Mr. Editor, if more Hoyt has been in charge of the local office.

It is not known what move Mr. Hoyt reformation in habits and dispositions

#### OERTLE-HENDRICKS.

A Happy Christmas Eve Wedding on Harbor Avenue.

Rev. S. H. Watkins officiated at a happy wedding on Harbor avenue, Christmas eve. The parties to plight their troth for weal or woe were Frank Oertle and Miss Ruchel Hendricks, daughter of W. A. Hendricks of West

The marriage took place at the home of Mrs. E. Billeustine, a relative. The bridesmaid was Miss Kate Larrauri. the best man James Oertle and the bride was given away by her brother George Hendricks. The ceremony was followed by a wedding feast, and it was twelve o'clock when Mr. and Mrs. Oertle started for their newly furnished appartments at the corner of Orehard street and Harbor avenue, followed by a deluge of congratulations, rice, old shoes and slippers.

The couple were the recipients of two or three car loads of presents, which included a silver tea service from Douglas Fowler Post, G. A. R., and a complete dinner set from the Relief Corps of the same Post. Probably no one was happier yesterday than Mr. and Mrs. Oertle, and may such happiness continue to them during life is the wish of their many friends.

#### Basket Ball.

Norwalk youngsters are up to date. Yesterday one of them carrying a covered basket was met by an elderly gentleman, who said, "Ah my boy; a basket of Christmas goodies, eh?" "Not by your new woolen socks," replied the lad, I am a backet ball player, and lifting the lid there was exposed to view three half-pint bottles filled with red fire. "Balls, basket; basket balls; See !" and the lad started on before the old gentleman had time to give burning over nearly a square on East him a nickel.

Nathan Nelson, a German, was found dead in his bed at Stamford Thursday morning. It is thought that he com-

### SPIRIT ANSWERD NO.

Rescue of a Young Lady About to Wed.

Her Pastor Writes an Open Letter.

Relative to the abrupt termination of a marriage announced to take place in East Norwalk on Christmas eve, Rev. F. E. Robbins of the Baptist church. who says that he has been interviewed by many reporters, gives the following open letter to the GAZETTE reporter for publication:

"DEAR GAZETTE: - So much has been written of late concerning the abrupt of touch at this season of the year, termination of the marriage engagement of Miss Elizabeth Smith and Mr. | cojoying the cheer at Christmas time. Elmer Merrill, and as my name has W. U. Telegraph company received been mentioned in almost every innotice a few weeks since that changes stance, it may not be out of place for me at this time, to offer a word, especially as no report of the matter has been altogether truthful, and this consideration alone, prompts me to open mour. As far as known, there is noth-Mr. Hoyt, was advised that his term of again, a subject, that cannot possibly office in the local office would expire concern the public other than that it is town to linger long and lovingly on a cared for by Ticket Agent Hughes and bit of gossip that particularly concerns town, by the name of Boehn (pro-

"The fact of the whole matter is. Miss Smith is not only a very refined Perhaps it will not at this time be and precise young lady, but she is also amiss to give a condensed report of Mr. | a diligent bible student and withal a Hoyt's experience in telegraphic key most exemplary and devoted young manipulation. To commence, he with Christian woman, and having failed in short tronsers became a messenger boy her earnest and constant endeavors to for the W. U. Telegraph company, in win this young man to accept Christ as the orphan, attended school the 26 1862. He became a comparitively good | his Saviour, and thus effect a radical master at the key and went to Dan- reformation in habits and dispositions, to do under the law. bury and succeeded in convincing the the conviction grew upon her that she ought not to marry him. The Apostle Paul's stearn warning to Christians, "Be not Unequally Yoked with Unbelievers" was accepted by her in all seriousness.

"The question a ose: 'If she did not cated at the corner of William and young man to effect his reformation cetting proper care. There was nothwere no 'visions,' no hysteries, nothcept a good offer from the Atlantic & ing but good, old fashioned common her pastor and friend, I unhesitatingly sible stand which she took and will from their lovers absolute and effectual an engagement, there would be less terward. Better a broken engagement than a broken home.

"There is scarce a minister or priest homes, where desolate and despondent christian girl who has married a man and thenendeavoredto reform him. The result is nearly always, they go together, Miss Smith did the right, sensible thing.

FRANK EDWARD ROBBINS. Paster First Baptist Church."

#### Important to Tax Payers.

The following notice of the Board of Relief having been refused the GAZETTE and placed in the disreputable Hour, it is published gratis, in order that the tax-payers may be benefitted by seeing it and govern themselves accordingly:

NOTICE!.

THE BOARD OF RELIEF Of The TOWN OF NORWALK.

On the Assessment List of 1896, will meet in the office of the Selectmen, Monday, January 4th, at 2 o'clock p. m., and by adjournment, as follows: Wednesday evening, January 8, at 7 o'clock nesday evening, January 9th, at 2 o'clock; Saturday, January 9th, at 2 o'clock p. m.; Wednesday evening, January 18th, at 7 o'clock; Saturday, January 16th, at 2 o'clock p. m.; Wednesday evening, January 20th, at 7 o'clock; Saturday, January 23d, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of hearing any and all appeals made to them from the doings of the Assessors

doings of the Assessors.

The Board of Relief will meet with the Assessors as a Joint Board, Saturday, January 16th, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of abating the polis of sick and indigent persons.

B. S. KEITH,

HENBY SEYMOUR,

OLIVER E. WILSON, Board of Relief. A million dollar fire broke out in New York city vesterday morning.

piano factory, stores and residences. Mr. Thomas Watkins was a guest over Christmas of his brother at Grace Church Rectory.

33d street, and including a hospital,

### CAN IT BE TRUE?

Common Sense Comes to the An Orphan Girl Totally Blind An Epitome of Happenings of From Alleged Harsh Treatment.

An Investigation Ordered.

The Bridgeport Farmer prints the following astounding story of the fate of a ward of the County Home, which if true entitles a Newtown family to well earned punishment:

The story of poor little Lillian Hubbell, aged 14, a ward of the county, of her harsh trertment, her hysteria and her sudden blindness, seems to be out when most young people of her age are

Lillian Hubbell is an orphan, and years ago was committed to the County Home in Norwalk from the town of Monroe. When she was twelve years old, she was committed to the care of a family in Redding by the name of Seying to complain of concerning her treatment by the Seymour family. A our peculiar weakness in this good old | year ago Lillian was transferred by her Reading guardians to a family in Newnounced Been). There are seven in the family. Mr. and Mrs. Boehn work in a hat factory in Bethel, and, of course, are not home much during the work days. There is a mother-in-law in the family, and four little Boehns, who attend school. The school records of Newtown show that Lillian Hubbell, weeks in the year, which she is obliged

Mrs. E. L. Johnson of Newtown is town agent for the county. She had her attention and suspicion attracted to the orphan by the fact that she did not attend church or Sundag school This, Mrs. Johnson thought, looked badly on the face of it, and she suspossess sufficient influence over this spected that the little one was not reing tangible upon which to base bei ty officers December 3, she read a paper in which reference was made to Lillian Hubbell, and in which she stated her belief that the little girl had not re-Christian young woman should do. As | ceived proper treatment, and that she had caused her to be placed in the fam-

The story in Newtown is that little, delicate Lillian Hubbell, was harshly of our Christian girls would demand | treated, and some assert that she was, perhaps cruelly treated, for one of her strength and years. The girl's own will make but it is safe to say that he | before entering into marriage, or even | testimony is to the effect that she was so harshly treated that she was obliged home wrecking and heart breaking af- to leave the Boehn family and take shelter with a neighbor. The neighbor reported the matter to Mrs. Johnson, the town agent, who had the little one in Norwalk but could take one into transferred to the keeping of her son. many cheerless, loveless, Christless | The little girl has a sear on her head to show where she was beaten, and when exists, a once joyous bright and happy she was taken in by the Johnsons she was suffering from extreme nervous-

The story was that this little girl was obliged to get out of bed as early as 4 and 5 in the morning, build the fire and help prepare breakfast for Mr. and Mrs. Boehn, who are obliged to leave their home very early in order to be at their factory in Bethel in time for work. Besides this she was obliged to do a great deal of drudgery about the house, and attend school also. Lillian is only 14 years old now, and in that transitory stage of life between child and maid. It is the time when a girl needs a mother's care most, but instead of such care she had the drudgery work to perform, and her school duties prescribed by law. Her tasks and duties were too much for her slender constitution and she is now a physical wreck,

and more than all, totally blind. A week ago last Sanday, Lillian complained of feeling poorly when she returned from Sunday school. Mr. Johnson did not think much of her illness at the time, but sent for Dr, Smith. Her illness appeared to be of a nervous nature, and she has steadily grown worse. Three days later her sight became affected, and she suddenly became blind. That is her condition now.

The ril's atory is an uncommon one, and I. Smith reported the matter to the Grant commissioners, who are much exercised per it. Dr. Worden, of Bridgeport, has been consulted and Will make an investigation. It is probable that the little stillerer will be taken to the hospital in that city for treatment. One theory as to the cause of her blindness is that snow she received that blen on the heal, from which she bears a scar, a clot of blood gathered under the skull, producing a pressure on the brain and optic nerve. Another theory is that it is an extreme case of

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### Garnered With Scissors and Pencil.

Interest to the Public.

HERE AND THERE.

-Carbonette at. Lewis'.

See adv. money lost.

Did your head ache this morning?

We are now getting a fine sample of Siberian weather.

E. Jerome of this city has been granted two patents on toilet paper.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council will be held Monday night.

A special city meeting will be held at the Town House, Monday afternoon,

J. L. Dyer is now chief ranger of Court Narruk, Foresters of America.

Elder Hobson preached in the Saints chapel at Broad River, yesterday morn-

-Go to 23 Wall street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood and sons of Philadelphia, are visiting relatives in

Miss Gertie Hersam and M. Coleman are to be married in New Canaan, Jan-Everett Wicham was "subbing" for

his father as a teacher in the night school last week. Ex-Lieutenant James of Co. F is

inches of ice to-day. Our Brothers Lodge, I. O. O. F. and Pioneer Castle R. of M. C. will elect officers Monday evening.

The Sanday school Christmas festival of the Norwalk Congregational church will be held Monday evening.

The inmates at the Town Farm enjoyed a Christmas dinner, yesterday that was as appetizing as it was beauti-

-Union beer only is sold at J. H. Gormley's saloen, on Main street.

Sheriff Hawley and wife ate their Christmas dinner with Hiram D. Hawley a brother of the sheriff, at Brook-

Cigar dealer Barker of South Norwalk has the reporter's thanks for a eigar large enough to smoke a car load

The Inasmuch circle of the Kings Daughters of the Methodist church are the guests of Mrs. L. J. Reynolds, this afternoon.

Thermometers registered 7 degrees below zero, yesterday morning. On January 6th, 1896, they indicated 11 degrees below zero.

Property on Orchard street belonging to George L. Tuller and wife is under attachment to cover a claim of several hundred dollars.

Thermometers registered 20 degrees above zero at 7 o'clock this morning, Yesterday at the same hour they registered 7 degrees below zero.

-Great Bargains at 23 Wall street for the next 20 days.

The residence of Mayor Arthur C. Wheeler was the scene of a joyons Christmas party, Thursday night. Santa Claus made a liberal distribution of holiday gifts.

Although the letter carriers were supposed to have a holiday yesterday, some of them were compelled to make three trips in the morning, so large was the quantity of mail matter to be

A water pipe in one of the Adams cottages on Orchard street burst last evening, and deluged the apartments on the first floor occupied by William W. Littell whose family were away at the time.

A man overheard boasting of the many attractive features of this town said "why sir! look at our sidewalks after a snow storm shey are cleaned up sir, just as quick as nature can do it sir."-New Canaan Messenger.

A discharged man from the Soldiers Home at Noroton was gathered in by the police last night. He was arrested some weeks since but judgment was suspended. This morning he was sentenced to ten days in jail and judgment will probably be executed.

### DON'T MISS THEM.

The Latest Ads. Received Before Going to Press.

LOST.

JOST.—On Thursday the 24th inst. between Jones & Hotchkiss' store, a hzard-skin pocketbook, containing quite a sum of money. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning it to Miss Baird, No. 53 West avenue.

OST.—Between Orchard street and the corner of Main and Wall streets, a sum of money. The finder will be rewarded by returning same to 34 Orchard street.

POR SALE-Benedict. Norwalk, newsdeal-er, is selling an excellent Fountain Pen-and Holder for 25c. Call and see it. j12tf TO RENT.

TO RENT.—Five rooms on first floor; goodd. locaticu, \$10 per mouth for small family. Apply to S. B. Wilson, Builder, 92 Wad street, Norwalk.

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hunting for pickerel through eight Afternoons from 1 to 6 o'clock, this week,

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Afternoons and Evenings X mas Week, from 1 to 10 o'clock.

### Special City Meeting.

I, Arthur C. Wheeler, Mayor of the city of Nerwalk, believing that the interests of said city require it, hereby give notice that a Special Meeting of said The City of Norwalk will be held in the Town House, in said city, Monday, December 28th, 1896, at 3 o'clock, offernoar for the following warmers. afternoon, for the following purposes,

1. If deemed advisable, to appropriate from the treasury of said city the further sum of \$1200.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of the payment of the expenses to be incurred in the Highway

Department of said city.
2. It it is thought proper, to appropriate from the treasury of said city the further sum of \$1500.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of the payment of the expenses to be incurred in the Administrative Department of said city.

Dated at the City of Norwalk, December, 21st, 1896.

ARTHUR C. WHEELER,

Mayor of the City of Norwalk.

#### Hoyt's Theatre. ONE SOLID WEEK. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday Matinger. COMMENCING MONDAY DEC. 21st.

FREDERICK and MINNIE

BAND AND ORCHESTRA MONDAY-The Red Spider. PRICES 10, 20, 30cts. l'eserved 'eats now on sale at Plaisted's drug store, South Norwalk and Pinneo's book st-re, Norwalk, for the entire week.

Wednesday-Capital against

Hoyt's Theatre, Tuesday Ev'ng., Dec. 29. Everybody is going to see W. A. Brady's pro-

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#### Wanted to Die.

Peter McGee, as inmate of Fitch's Home at Noroton, attempted to commit suicide, Sanday morning, by outting his throat with a razor. The cut was not sufficiently deep, however, and he will probably recover. He is about SI years of age and has been an inmate of the Home between two and three years. For the past two or three months he has been obliged to remain in the hospital. He has been despondent of late, and seemed to think that he was being persecuted. The attempt to end his life was made immediately after the other old veterans had gone to breakfas'.

Glad Tidings.

The grand specific for dispepsia, liver complaint, Rheumatism, costiveness, general debility, etc., is Bacon's Celery King for the Nerves This great herbal ronic stimulates the digestive organs, teguates the liver and restores the system. to vigorous health and energies. Sam-ples free. Large packages 50c and 25c Sold only by Edward P. Weed, Norwalk, and George C. Stillson, South Norwalk.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mabelle Bartine Wigham to Alfred G. Bohman at the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon, January 5tb, at 4 o'clock.

#### Mother, Have You v Baby?

It so, get from your druggist to day for If so, get from your druggist to day for 25c a bottle of Dr. Hand's Colic Cure, Every baby often has distressing colic. Dr. Hand's Colic Cure gives immediate relief by removing wind from the stomach and quieting the nerves, giving restful sleep. Mother, think of the worry and auxiety this saves you. If your baby is teething Dr. Hand's Teething Lotion for 25c soothes and relieves all pain. Sold by all druggists.

Rev. Dr. George G. Saxe, a retired methodist minister and at one time located in Stamford died suddenly at Madison, N. J. on Tuesday. He was a cousin of the poet Saxie.

Mother's Find Nothing E qual to br. Handi Colic Cure

WATERBURY Conn., 4-2-96—Hand Medicine Co:—Dear Sirs:—"I am using Dr. Hand's Cough and Croup Medicine and Colic Cure for my children and find nothing to equal them. They work like magic. I would not be without them in my house. The little ones love Dr. Haud's Colic Cure and cry for it; it relieves them almost instantly. Mrs. Frank Smith, 22 Wood St. At all drug-

John H. Foley and Miss Lilian Taylor were married recent by Rev. Mr. Hunt of Port Chester, N. Y.

#### SAVE YOUR LIFE

By using "The New Great South American Kidney Cure." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the Kidneys, Bladder and Back in male or female. It relieves retention of water, and pain in passing it almost immediately. Save yourselves by using this mar-Save yourselves by using this mar relous cure. Its use will prevent fatal consequences in almost all cases by its great alterative and healing powers. Sold by E. P. Weed, Druggist, Norwalk, Conn.

The Steamer Newtune Disabled.

Ex-champion prize-fighter John L Sullivan has taken the poor debtor's

A lew weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of la grippe and recognizing it as dangerous he took involved to the disabled vessel. diate steps to bring about a speedy cure. From the advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the many good recommendations included therein, we concluded to make a first trial of the medicine. To to make a first trial of the medicine. To say that it was satisfactory in its results, is putting it very mildly, indeed. It acted like megic and the result was a speedy and permanent cure.—The Banner of Liberty, Libertytown, Maryland. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by E. P. Weed, Druggist.

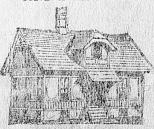
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#### THE STAMBULOFF MURDER.

Officials Seem to Be Shielding the Accused Men-Determination of the Powers to Coerce Turkey - A Californian's Death Abroad.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 24.—The trial of the assassins of ex-Premier Stambuloff was continued today and is proceeding slowly. Mme. Stambuloff was not present.

A newspaper draws attention to the fact that Mme. Stambuloff has her late husband's hands—which were so teribly mu-tilated by the knives of his murderers that they had to be amputated previous to his death—preserved in the room in which he died. They are crossed like a pair of fenc-ing gloves under a glass case, above which hangs a photograph of the mutilated

Zacharieff, who was referred to in the letter written by the late M. Stambuloff some three months previous to his death as having informed M. Stawkoff, at the latter's house on March 15, 1865, that Natschewitsch and Tuffektehieff had formed a band of 10 to 15 men who would under any circumstances murder M. Stambuloff, was on the stand today. He denied having made the statement mentioned to M. Stawkoff.

#### Trying to Shield Prisoners.

The ex-prefect of police deposed that shortly after the revolver was fired, with the alleged object of warning the waiting assassins of the approach of M. Stambuloff, he passed Boni Georgieff, one of the prisoners, a native of the Debrutcha and a former servant of the late Major Panitza, who was shot at Sofia for conspiracy against the government in 1890. Georgieff, the ex-prefect added, was driving rapidly in a direction oposite to the scene of the murder.

Later the ex-prefect of police deposed that Naum Tuffektchieff, another of the prisoners and an employee of the building department of the ministry of public works here, was at home at the time of the mur Tuffektchieff is a brother of Dimitri Tuffektchieff, who died in prison as the result of tortures, it is claimed, inflicted by order of the late M. Stambuloff.

#### A Mussulman as a French Deputy.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Paris newspapers are full of gossip about Dr. Grenier, who has been elected deputy for Pontarlier as a Radical. He is a rigid Mussulman, and he intends to wear the turban and the burnoose in the chamber of deputies. His lection was due to had propagation, by election was due to had management by the Moderate Republican committees. He is highly educated and a skillful debater. He is a physician, never refuses a consultation, never takes a fee and gives largely to charities. He advocates free marriage and polygamy and practices all the Mussulman rites.

#### To Coerce the Porte

Constantinople, Dec. 24.—The embas-sadors accredited to the porte have received instructions from their respective govern-ments to act in concert in submitting fresh proposals for reforms in the Ottoman empire, and all of the diplomats, including

#### The Steamer Neptune Disabled.

Vico, Spain, Dec. 24. - The second officer of the steamer Neptune, bound from Newcastle, Dec. 13, for Baltimore, has ar-rived here and reports that he left the Neptune on Sunday, in latitude 48 degrees

LONDON, Dec. 24. -The residence of Earl Russell, at Maidenhead, on the Thames, was burned to the ground today. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin, as Earl Russell has recently received several menacing letters, some of them threaten-ing him with personal injury and others threatening the burning of his property.

#### Majestic Met Heavy Gales.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 24.—The White Star steamship Majestic, Caprain Smith, from New York Dec. 16 for Liverpool, arrived today. She reports having encountered heavy gales in the course of her passage, and on Dec. 19, in latitude 46 north, longitude 47 west, she sighted a large icoberg

Queen Victoria to Dictate Her Biography. LONDON, Dec. 24.—The St. James Gazette says the queen will personally dictate and revise a biography of her majesty which will appear in 1897. The work will tell the story of the longest reign in the history of England as she queen herself re-

#### France and England.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Le Figare today inti-mates that, owing to the difficulties between France and Great Britain in regard to Egypt and Turkey, the post of Baron de Courcel as French embassador to the court of St. James may be left vacant for awhile.

### A California Educator Dead. LONDON, Dec. 24.—Advices received here from Athens say that Professor George Richardson of San Francisco died in a hospital at the Greek capital of typhold

The Plague In Hombay. BOMBAY, Dec. 24.—It is officially stated that the plague is increasing here, and Karachi, the seaport of Sinde, is also declared to be infected.

#### Georg von Bonsen Dead. Lowdon, Dec. 24 .- Georg von Bunsen who was prominent for many years in the German reichstug, is dead.

Trying Alleged Fergers. TEXTON, Dec. 24.—The trial of George Sands, alias Dr. Clark, and Mrs. Knapp for passing counterfeit silver dollars in Hoboken last summer was resumed in the United States district court today. Owen Gwens, a Jersey City stenographer, who took a transcript of the confession made by Mrs. Knapp to United States Secret Service Agent Bagg, gave testimony cor-roborating that given by Bagg yesterday.

#### A Big Gas Deal.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24.—The Central Ohio Natural Gas and Fuel company has been sold to New York capitalists at 82½ per share. Emerson McMillin made the purchase for them. The capital stock is \$1,900,000. The highest ever paid here before for stock was 77.

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### THE DENIAL OF PALMA

Produces Maceo's Last Letter to Disprove Dr. Zertucha's Statement.

CUBA'S FIRST SEA BATTLE.

Brave Little Filibuster Three Friends In a Naval Battle With Spain's Warships-Won a Substantial Victory. It Was a History Making Trip.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Guban junta in this city bitterly denounced the latest statement made by Dr. Zertucha in regard to the death of Maceo.

General Tomas Estrada Palma, who is at the head of the junta here, said: "I am not surprised to see Dr. Zertucha rush into print for the purpose of distracting attention from himself by attracting it to a scandalous charge that can only aid him with the Spaniards. For me it is a sufficient indication of the man's character that he surrenders to the enemy and that he is treated in such a kindly manner by the Spaniards. What more natural than that he, in combination with Spanish diplomacy, should be the instrument by which the revolution should be discredited? He certainly knows that this interview will ultimately be sent to Cuba, where it cannot be received by the Spaniards otherwise than with demonstrations of gratitude.

"I know from letters received from Gen-eral Antonio Maceo personally as well as rom a person in our mutual confidence. through whom we frequently communiscreek, that Maceo was not in the desperate screeks depicted by Dr. Zertucha. Why, here is a letter from Maceo, only lately received, which will show that he was well satisfied with the condition of affairs."

Refuted by the Dead Maceo. General Palma offered this translated

copy:
The active operations have prevented me, much against my wishes, from answering immediately your welcome commanications of the 19th and 25th of Octo-General Ruis Rivera happily disembarked with all the war material sent, which was well employed in a series of hard combats, which we sustained against our enemies, but which were all most sig-nal victories for us. The object of Weyler was to imprison our army between two fortified lines and make us sufter a tre-mendous defeat by means of simultaneous attacks by forces previously placed in those positions, but the most brilliant success positions, but the most brilliant success crowned our efforts, six of the enemy, who tried to impede our progress after our saving the expedition of General Ruis Rivera, being destroyed.'

"As late as Dec. 6, the day before he is reported to have been killed, a person of veracity had a conference with General Nacco who they stated that the Cuban.

Maceo, who then stated that the Cuban forces in Pinar del Rio were in excellent condition and that he was well satisfied with his position. Zertucha's latest published interview differs in detail from all previously published. His assertion that Maceo was disappointed is absolutely groundless. Zertucha's attitude toward his former companion in arms is such as cannot win for him the confidence of any

CUBA'S FIRST NAVAL BATTLE.

Three Friends Fires Upon and Apparently Disables a Spanish Cruiser.

KEY WEST, Dec. 26 -The lone star flag Cuba has met the red and yellow banner of Castile upon the seas. The shrap-nel, shell and rifle volleys of a brave fili-Spanish 12 pounders and have gained for Cuba Libre the first victory on the coean The filibustering steamer Three Friends

sailed from Fernandina, Fla., Sunday night, Dec. 13, carrying a valuable cargo of munitions of war for the Cuban insurgents, eluding the vigilance of United tates warships and revenue cutters, and lodging every sail upon the ocean the lit in halling distance of Cuba on the sixth night out.

The account of this history making trip is given as follows:

As Cuba was neared, about midnight last Saturday, a two pound shell buzzed and tore through our rigging, and five minutes later the naval duel was in prog-

Early on the morning of Friday, the 18th, Cape San Antonio, at the western extremity of Cuba, was rounded. A stiff proeze was blowing off the land, and the hip headed southward.

It was known that toe battleship Reina Mercedes, the cruiser Alfonso XIII and the coaster Dos de Mio were patrolling the Pinar del Rio south coast.

The sealed orders from the New York junta were opened an hour after the cape had been passed. They gave no directions as to the course the vessel should take, its destination alone being mentioned. The orders of the junta read:

"Sail to the mouth of the San Juan river, and there await a party of insurgents, who will take charge of the cargo. Do not attempt to land men or munitions at any

The orders caused a sensation. A consultation was held immediately in the cabin, attended by Captain John O'Brien, Navigation Captain Lewis, Major Perez Morales, commander of the land expedition, and Lieutenant Colonel Calvo, sea commander of the same. Major Arnas was also called in.

Nearly every officer aboard had warned the junta that he would not attempt to and an expedition near the San Juan river. The steamer Bermuda had tried to and had been fired upon and driven away by a Spanish coaster, while the cargo of the Dauntless, after having been put

ashore, was captured. But what was there to be done? The steamer had stolen away from the United States and had already covered three-quarters of the distance to her ordered destination. She had weathered heavy storms and was stanch. Her crew was a picked one, and the soldiers aboard were brave and

"We'll land at the San Juan if we have to sail through —— to do it," said Captain Louis.

"Keep a good head on, but don't waste any coal," was the word sent down to Chief Engineer Dunn.

When 50 miles south of the cape, the course was changed to north by northeast against a dead wind. When night fell, we were 30 miles from land, following an

Saturday morning was clear and beautiful. The vessel was placed under a small head of steam and went easily in a calm

Cleared the Decks For Action. About the decks all was bustle. The boxes of arms, cartridges and dynamite stored in the hold were carried on deck and put in convenient positions for land

Each man who was to land with the party had his personal effects bundled to-gether and ready to be cast into the first

The Three Friends was hours in making her way to the proper place to effect a landing. When all was in readiness, the coast seemed entirely clear. 'On the lower deck amidships the first boat's crew, armed with machetes and revolvers, stood ready to launch the large surfboat, which already swung over the side. The crew consisted of Lieutenants Carbonne and Guiteras, Sharpshooter John Gorman and Privates Aurelio, Arcano and Edgaro. Major Ferez Morales and Dr. Bonjardin, who were also to go ashore in the first

boat, stood at the gangway.

Behind the first boat's party stood a dozen men armed with machetes and reming-tons in line along the rail to repel board-None other aboard was armed except with the revolvers they carried in their belts, as the rifles and machetes had been returned to their boxes for transfer ashore. On the prow, night glasses in hand, Cap-tain Lewis, Major Arnas and Engineer Pagluchi. The remainder of the expedition gathered along the rails on the port side as the vessel steamed in almost in the shadow of the rocky cliffs.

Dead ahead from the water line for 300 or 400 feet in air all was clark. Behind the

mountain was a clear sky. Along the inviting shore a growth of trees relieved somewhat the black and solid mass of rock, and, like a ray from the setting sun, came the somber line of the gap through which the San Juan poured. When the filibuster was within 400 yards of shore and the first hoat was about to be lowered, the engineer discovered a moving object in the darkness under the lee over the port bow. He trained his glass carefully, and immediately informed Captain Lewis that he saw a coaster.

Without delay, word was passed to Cap-tain O'Brien at the wheel and Chief Engineer Dunn. Without further ado, the fili-buster turned swiftly to starboard and pointed for the open sea.

An Exciting Race.

But few persons aboard had seen the Spaniard. Captain O'Brien, after allow-ing his ship to scamper 300 or 400 yards, heaved to, then backed toward the mouth of the San Juan. All was excitement on board at this time, and a dozen glasses were trained upon the suspicious dark-ness. There had been no mistake. Sream and smoke were emerging from the place and in a minute more the black shape of a 40 foot coaster was seen darting out in our direction. Away steamed the filibuster, and behind, emerging from the shad ow along the shore, came the coaster. The moon came from behind along the shore, and the Spaniard, with frowning guns mounted upon her deck, started in pursuit under full steam. The stern of the fillbuster was crowded with auxious men.

For a few minutes the exciting race continued, and then came a flash of light from the Spaniard. A second later came the crack of a two pounder, and then there was the swift hiss of a shell a few rods to the starboard. Word was passed on the fillibuster that all must fight, and a few men broke open the rifle and cartridge boxes, and soon the entire party were armed. Sharpshooter Gorman gathered his riflemen along the stern rail upon the up per deck. Major Morales was in charge.

Again came a flash from the coaster, and another solid shot splashed in the water on the starboard side, several rods nearer the vessel. Pursued and pursuer were under full steam, and smoke was

direct line. "Use the hotchkiss!" commanded Ma-

jor Morales. Gunner Michael Walsh, who with his crew had stood by the 12 pounder in the bow, heard the command with joy and

was almost broadside to the coaster.

The latter boomed for the fourth time, but the smoke had not cleared away be-fore the hotchkiss on our prow bellowed ver her engines. The shell did not burst, however, but the Spaniards seemed paralyzed with fear. It was the first time in the Cuban war that a filibuster has re-

Opened Fire With Rifles.

A cheer burst from everyybody on board the Three Friends. The Spaniard had fired four times, but without effect. Several men on the lower deck opened fire with their rifles, and this was followed by a rattling volley from the line of men on the upper deck. The shrapnel shell fired from the hotelkiss ended the fight, as the Spaniard sailed away, firing rockets; call-ing for assistance. The call for assistance was promptly answered, for while the filibuster was swinging into position to allow the hotchkiss to play upon the enemy, a gunboat, double the size of the coaster,

appeared on the port.

She opened fire with beavy guns, but did not have the range. Gunner Walsh ammed another shrapnel into the gun on the prow, sighted it for the newcomer and anked the lanyard. There came a roar that shook the sea and the hills and echoed Philadelphia Press. and re-echced in the distance. The shell flew straight for the gunboat and burst directly over her. It was answered by a still heavier thunder from the gunboat, returning a fire of shell with shell. The shot from the Spaniard disabled two of the leading boats of the filibuster, but did no other damage. The hotchkiss was again loaded with shrapnel, and the next discharge, aimed with splendid skill by the amateur gunners on the Three Friends,

ame up, and a fierce fight ensued between them and the Cubans sent by General Gomez to escort the cargo into his camp. After two hours of fighting the Spaniards were driven off, and the cargo was landed and safely carried into the interior.

The vessel then lay to for several days in a secluded cove and started for Florida last Monday. She was pursued by several gunboats as she entered the Windward pass, and a ball from one of them tore a hole in her bulwarks. A barrel of oil on the furnace fires soon ran up the steam,

and the fast craft crept away.

Emerging from the keys, two craisess were found waiting for her, and another race ensued. The Spanish vessels fired on her for half an hour.

Captain Lewis then ran in among the keys and, escaping from the Spanish war vessels, reached American waters.

Freedom of the Press Restored. LONDON, Dec. 26.-A dispatch from Montevideo to The Times says that a decree has been issued restoring the liberty of the press in Uruguay.

ALEXANDER DUMAS.

His Practical Jokes Were Often Turned Upon Himself.

Alexandre Dumas, whose life and death have been largely commented upon by the European press, was, it appears, not all an urbane man. Still he had his moments of laxity, and on such occasions he could be jocular, though only in a very ponderous way Practical jokes tickled his fancy the most, though why it is difficult to say, for he himself invariably tumbled into the trap he had prepared for others. One of his few friends was Meissoner, the famous painter, whose love of botany and horticulture was proverbial. To him, it is related, came Dumas one day with the dried row of a herring, or, as he termed it, a seed pod of that extremely rare exotic the Graniflora aurora borealis digitalis, of which he begged Meissonier's accep tance. The painter was profuse in his thanks, said he had heard of the Aurora Borealis before, and promised to plant the seeds and to tend the young exotics, when they came up, with all the care and skill in his power. Dumas delightedly ran off to his "den" to chuckle in solitary state; but, alas, Meissonier was too much for him, after all, for this joke ended in precisely the same way as all his others! The seeds indeed were planted, and the Aurora Borealis came up; but, when Dumas called a week later to see how matters were getting on, the artist took him to a corner of his garden, and here, beautifully bedded out in a circle, were two dozen red herring with their heads just peeping from the ground.

#### The Tables Were Turned.

The late professor Blackie used to relate with great gusto the following story. As every one knows, the genial old professor used to be a picturesque and striking figure in the streets of Edinburgh. A wiry-framed old patriarch, with strikingly-handsome features and long hair that fell in ringlets about his shoulders, no one, once having seen him, could forget him. Passing one day along one of the principal Edinburgh streets, he was accosted by a very dirty little boy with, "Shine your boots, sir?" The urchin was very importunate; and the professor, being impressed by the extreme filthiness of the boy's face, remarked, "I don't want a shine, my lad; but, if you'll go and wash your face, I'll give you a sixpence." "A'riche, sir!" was he lad's reply; and, going to an adjaent drinking-fountain, he made his ablution. "Well, my lad," said the professor, when he returned, "you earned your money; here it is." "I dinna want it, auld chap," returned the urchin, with a lordly air; "ye can keep it and git yer hair cut!"

A Distinguished Gnest.

An English actor was a member of a company snowbound in the Sierras while en route from California to the East. Before their train pulled out of pouring from their funnels. They were now about 800 yards apart. Then the Spaniard fired for the third time, the shot eating the coarse fare of the railroad falling a few rods astern of us, but in a laborers, and got little enough even of that, so that they were all ravenously hungry when the train reached a small station, at which there was a humble restaurant. The Englishman was the first to find a seat at a table. called out to Captain O'Brien to swing the ship around. In a minute the fillbuster, said to the landlord, a burly Western man, "a porterhouse steak, some devilled kidneys, a brace of chops, plenty of vegetables, and two bottles of Bass forth and sent a shrapnel shell between the short masts of the coaster, squarely out of the dining-room door and yelled to somebody in the rear apartment, "Say, Bill, tell the band to play 'Rule Britannia!' The Prince of Wales has

#### Church Choirs.

A curiosity in churches is a Philadelphia suburban church (colored), which has a white Episcopal priest in charge. It has eight benches, seating three persons each, and every requisite to the service. A melodeon about three feet high furnishes the music. No bell hangs in the steeple, but a negro boy about 12 years old beats a triangle in front of the church just before service. He is also sexton and receives \$1 per month as salary. The hurch was formerly an election booth; is built of sheet iron, painted gray, with only one window. It is called "Chapel of Saint Faith." It has a small but enthusiastic membership .-

An Amusing Error. Some of the risks attending illustrations in daily newspapers, where the work of making up has to be done in the small hours of the morning, are il-Instrated by what appeared in a Chicao newspaper recently. A picture of the late Cardinal Manning was la-belled "Frau Kruger, wife of Oom struck the cruiser amidships. Then the beiled "Frau Kruger, wife of Oom Three Friends put on steam, leaving the warship, possibly disabled, but at all taining sketch of that excellent lady; while in another place a picture of As the cargo of the Three Friends was being landed the Spanish coast patrol

The Force of Habit.

A widower is being married for the fourth time. During the ceremony one of the guests is suprised to hear violent sobs proceeding from a woman in a corner of the church.

"Who is that lady crying so bitter y?" he asks of the bystanders. "Oh, it's only Martha, our cook," anwers one of the bridegroom's chillren; "slie always blubbers when papa gets warried."

In Luck. 'Is it true, Whirly, that you can keep yourself and wife for less than

you used to spend as a bachelor?" "Much less. My expenses are too trifling to mention. I was fortunate enough to marry old Bullion's daugher, you know."-Detroit Free Press.

BEATEN WITH RUBBER BALLS.

A New Fad to Restore Youth and Beauty to the Wornout Body.

They literally beat women in some of the Continental cities now-beat them with rattans. And the women submit to it voluntarily. It's the new muscle-beating fad-a fad by which women who have become physically played out by late nights and bad food and fast living generally may be rejuvenated, rehabiliated, with color in their pale cheeks and elasticity in their

It has reached New York, and the strictly up-to-date society woman is taking her daily muscle beating relig-

In muscle beating a woman has to go through about the same treatment as criminals of old did in the days when the knout was used.

The patient is undressed and laid ace downward on a couch. Then the beating begins. An attendant is armed with an implement consisting of a rubber ball attached to a flexible rattan or whalebone handle, which bends with the force of the blow, and has the elasticity of a coach whip.

With this instrument of torture the beater first brings down the rubber ball on the thick and fleshy muscles of the back. These being the most important muscles treated by the new process the whipping goes on with enthusiasm until the beater is tired and the beaten ready to offer a bribe for a cessation of treatment

Leaving for awhile the shoulder museles, the beater then attacks the lower anatomy of the patient, taking the muscles around the waist and beating a tattoo from side to side, until the red blood is forced to the surface and sent surging through the veins.

Then the hips come in for punishment. The tune of the rubber balls is played with renewed force, for here he blows can be administered as heav lly as is compatible with the feelings of the patient, without any fear of the punishment being dangerous. Having hammered the patient's hip mus eles into a state of abject submission the attendant then travels along to the thighs and calves, administering such a flagellation with the two light weapons as only confirmed faddists would be willing to submit to.

By this time the muscles of the back have recovered their wonted composure. Having beaten the jaded mus cles of the back into life and vigor again, the woman under treatment is then placed on her back, and the muscles of the chest and stomach come in for a rain from the merciless rubber

When the beating is done by an accomplished hand it produces the most beneficial and pleasant results.-New York Journal.

#### The Wolf Died of Joy.

M. de Candolle, the great naturalist, celebrated as a lecturer on "The National History of Geneva," tells a remarkable story of a pet wolf which seemed to have had greater affection for its mistress than most children have for their parents. The lady had owned the wolf from the time it was a cub so small that it could be carried in the pocket of an overcoat, and by the time it was three years old it was more greatly attached to her than a spaniel would have been. Once she had occasion to leave home for several weeks From the first night the wolf evinced the greatest distress, and for almost a week absolutely refused to taste food of any kind, and during the whole of the time she was absent the creature remained cross and dejected. On her return, as soon as the animal heard her footsteps, he bounded into the room in an ecstacy of delight. Springing up he placed one paw on each of her shoulders and then, looking in her face as if to assure himself that it was really his beloved mistress, he fell back and instantly expired .- St. Louis Republican.

#### An Honest Confession.

A Jewish banker of a ludicrousily Hebraic cast of countenance, while at Monte Carlo, recently, struck up a great friendship with the Comte de L., the wittiest humpback in Paris. As the latter was about to return to the city on the Seine, in taking leave of the banker he expressed the pleasure he had found in his society, and hoped that whenever the banker was in Paris he would renew the acquaintance. "Delighted, my dear count," exclaimed the flattered banker; "I should be charmed! But your friends in Paris have-errather unadvanced ideas. In fact, I must acknowledge that I am a Jew." "That's all right," replied L., pressing his hand cordially; and then, in the banker's ear, he added, "And I too must make a confession-I am a hump-

Abstemious Carrier Figeons.

The carrier pigeon, when traveling never feeds. If the distance be long, it flies on without stopping to take nutriment, and at last arrives thin, exhausted, almost dying. If corn be pre sented to it, it refuses, contenting it self with drinking a little water, and then sleeping. Two hours later, it begins to eat with great moderation, and sleeps again immediately afterwards If its flight has been prolonged, the pigeon will proceed in this manner for forty-eight hours before recovering its normal mode of feeding.

#### What We May Expect.

A gentleman learned in all connected with electricity, says that a primary battery has been discovered of such potency that-to use his words-a big ship will be able to go to America with its motive power enclosed in a jam pot The discovery was made accidentally by two Scotch boys, and has been ta ken up by several Scotchmen of large means and of considerable business experience.

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#### The Ninety and Nine.

No doubt the ninety and nine sheep, lying snugly and comfortably in the warm sheepfold, gave very little thought-if they could give any-to the one poor, forlorn sheep that had forgotten the way and was wandering out alone in the cold and storm. If they had thought of it at all it was, no doubt with a feeling of contempt for its freshness and their own comfort was enhanced, perhaps, by the picturing of its suffering and distress.

The trouble with the Church to-day is largely of the same nature. The minety and nine are often dead to the outside world of sin, too complacent in their own copiectured safety, and too apt to take a pride in contemplating their own shelter and comparing it with the shelterless condition of those who have lost sight of the fold.

In one sense of the word it may be right for them to compare themselves to sheep safe in the care of the good shepherd, but they should, at the same time, make a mental reservation not to assume the silly character of the sheep, but to give some thought to the others who are sinning and lying in their sins-The ninety and nine should not rest content until the last one is found and restored to the safety of the divine law. The Church represented by the ninety and nine, should arouse from its slumber, rise above the dead level of its selfsufficiency, and use all its efforts, unceasingly and to the best effect, to save the lost sheep who are now roaming miserably through the darkness and cold, and over dry and withered pas-

In this work they should use practical methods and sor place too much reliance on creed, theology or church discipline and rule. They must feed the body before they can succor the eoul; they must clothe the naked before the spiritual garments can be worn. When a man is bungry and starving

there is no use in telling him how Christ died for him in order that he might have the bread of eternal life. Satisfy his material wants first, and then his mind and soul will both be opened wide to receive the divine truth.

It will not do to talk of the love and mercy of God to a man who is sitting in his fireless room with his sick and starying family about him, their natural protector belpless to afford them any relief. Give him food and shelter and fire and work, so that he can take care of his dependent ones, and you go very far towards making a Christian of him. He will believe in the mercy and love and infinite compassion of God then, because he will see it exemplified through you, whom he knows to be one of the professed children of that God.

You cannot comfort a shelterless and homeless sorrowing man by telling him of Christ alone. You must show him Christ by giving him a shelter, a home and a comforter. Then he will believe Christ, because he sees Christ in your actions, the infinite love diffusing itself through a human and finite agent.

The ninety and nine should no longer rest easy in the consciousness of their own safety. They should not rest content until the hundreth sheep is brought into their company and made as happy as themselves.

#### A SERIOUS CHARGE.

A Clergyman Accused of Embezzling \$2,-000 from an Estate.

Rev. Father Burns, of the Catholic church in Milford has been arrested by Deputy Sheriff Mallory on the charge of embezzling \$2,000 from the estate of the late Frank Larkin. He was brought before Justice of Peaoce, Henry C. Platt, and the case was continued until Monday under bonds of \$2,500, which were furnished.

The arrest was made at the instance of former Judge of Probate A. Heaton Robertson of New Haven. Four years ago Father Burns was appointed as administrator of Father Larkin's estate. Litigation began soon and has since continued. A year ago, owing to dissatisfaction on the part of the heirs, Father Burns was removed and Jadge Robertson was named to succeed him.

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A Lady's Holiday Observations.

Did Santa Claus do the right thing

How many of us adults discovered, as do the children, that our Christmas dolls were stuffed with sawdust.

New Year's and the bills for this week's generosity will soon be here.

The woman with a new ring and the boy with a new watch are aggressively in evidence to-day.

For the coming week the stores will be kept busy waiting on the rush of people in to exchange their gifts. Write your notes of thanks to-day.

the courtesy due to those who have remembered you. To-day the Boston Store girls stop

friends in the midst of the before Christmas rush and hustle.

"Home for the holidays" is a phrase replete with pleasant significance for parents, as they regard the happy faces around the hearthstone to-day.

Christmas trees are like beautiful women; they don't cost much until it comes to dressing and ornamenting. But they both are a good investment.

It is well Christmas comes but once a year or the great majority of the world's population would be in a chronic state of bankruptcy.

The biggest fool this season of the year is the one-dollar dade who buys a officiate and preach. \$20 Christmas present for a girl who thinks more of the present than she does of him.

The salespeople will rojoice now that the sign "Open evenings until Christmas," no longer has any significance.

#### It's on the Congressmen.

Who says it isn't a joyous season when Congressmen cease from troubling and weary laws find rest ?-Boston

And now for at least two weeks of "peace on earth, good will towards men." Congress has adjourned for the bolidays. - Buffalo Courier.

Having exhausted itself by the arduons efforts of three weeks-Congress will now rest through the holidays .-Baltimore American.

#### Second Regiment Leads.

Adjutant General Grabam has issued orders giving the rating of companies of the National Guard for November, the first month of the drill season. The Second regiment leads with 95 45; the First is 93 97; Third is 93.26; Fourth is 87.70; Brigade Signal corps, 93.06; Machine Gun battery 92.14; Battery A. 73 28; Naval battalion, 83 93; Separate company, New Haven, 85.95.

#### Prisoners Dined.

The prisoners at the county jail were yesterday a great deal more furtunate than many men outside of its confines who were not sufficiently prepared with funds to enjoy a warm berth and a good Christmas dinner. Sheriff Hawley had prepared for the prisoners a special dinner at which was served roast sparerib, turnips, onions, potatoes, mince pie, doughnuts, apples and

#### Recent Deaths.

Mrs. Ellen Terry Johnson, wife of Professor Charles F. Johnson of Trinaty College, died at Hartford.

Benjamin A. Bailey, for years the agent of the Quince bang company, of Danielson, Conn., died yesterday of pneumonia. He was sixty-nine years

#### Bishop Tierney's Purchase.

Bishop Tierney has purchased the Collins Street Classical school in Hartford. The property consists of a large house and lot. It is Bishop Tierney's intention to turn the building into a preparatory school tor young ecclesiastics who intend to become priests of the Catholic church.

#### The S. A. Great Bepublic.

President Cleveland has formally recognized and entered into diplomatic relations with the new Greater Republie of Central America.

Subscribelfor the GAZETTE.

#### Can it, Etc .-- Continued

The County commissioners promise

that the case will be thoroughly investigated, and should it transpire in the investigation that the Boohns were unduly harsh with the suffering girl, they will be made to pay the full penalty for their inhumanity. It is their opinion that the Boebns, who are of German extraction, had unintentionally imposed burdens on the little girl beyond her strength, and that they never forgot the fact that the charge in their keeping was an orphan. Dr. Smith appears very solicitous about the little girl and thinks the case one that commands the deepest sympathy.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

Minnie Seward.

The Seward company gave Joseph J. Dowling's comedy drama, "The Belle of Carbine River," to a good house last evening. This afternoon a matinee will be given, and to-night's performance will close their engagement at Hoyt's Theater.

The Cotton King.

William A. Brady's "The Cotton King" will be seen here on Tuesday, December 29, at Hoyt's Theater. It is Mr. Brady's desire to maintain the high standard of excellence he has always adopted, and he wishes to inform production of this melodrama will not recede in any particular from former presentations. Indeed, it is his intention to surpass all previous efforts in the history of this remarkable play.

#### Sunday at the Churches.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. -If you do not you will be apt to forget Thomas K. Nobie, pastor. Services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach in the morning a Obristmas sermon and there will be music of and wonder what they bought for their a high order by the choir with piano and organ accompanient. In the evening there will be a service of scripture, recitation and song entitled, "The Great King," with a brief address by the pastor and authems by the choir, assisted by a male quartette. Everybody cordially welcomed. Janier C. E. at 6 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. will be

> GRACE CHURCH. - Rev. S. H. Watkins, rector, Sunday, December 27th, 1896. Sa. m. Holy Communion, 10:30 a. m. Morning Prayer, and Sermon. 12 m. Sunday School. 7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer and Sermon. The rector will

Special notice. The Christmas music will be sung on Sunday morning, and in the evening Mr. Pepper will sing 'The Christmas Song" by Adam.

NORWALK METHODIST CHURCH-Rev. A. H. Wyatt, rector. Christmas sermon at 10.30 a. m. Theme: "The Babe of Bethlehem." Christmas exercises by the Sunday school at 7:30 p. m.

#### Additional Here and There.

In the Town Court this morning, in the case of Johnson W. Hill vs. the Calvary Baptist church, Judge Frost overruled the plaintiff's demurrer. It would appear from this ruling that the plaintiff would not have any standing in court other than that he bring his action over again. The reverend gentleman brought suit for alleged salary due, Attorney Lockwood for defense.

The concrete flooring at the Hotel Howard "first floor sleeping room" was carpeted by fitteen "looking for work" Willies, Christmas eve, and Christmas night there was a new carpet of seventeen more.

The Chris'mas services at St. Paul's, Grace and St. Mary's churches, yesterday were well attended. At the Methodist church last evening the centata, "Welcome to Santa Claus" was presented to a large and appreciative au-

There are several cases of diphtheria in Stamford. One of the physicians of that city, says the Advocate, deplores the fact that the health board does not propara itself for the disease by keeping a supily of anti-toxine.

Ticket No. 3720 drew the bicycle at the South Norwalk Hardware store. Is It in your possession? William S. Smith is in readiness to give in exchange for the ticket a first-class wheel.

Clarence McChesney, a brother of Mrs. Fred Church, of Orchard street, died this morning, aged 29 years. It is but a few weeks since his mother died. The d Lyangwell and popularly

The report of City Health Office Tracey will be presented at the next meeting of the city council.

The parents of Rev. Father Sheehan tandered a reception to their many friends yesterday.

The yellow card at No. 7 Franklin avenud has been taken down by order of health officer Dr. W. J. Tracey.

The several companies of the fire deportment will hold their annual of officers and delegates for the ensumeetings Tuesday evening, January 5

"Sam" Foster spent Christmas in Danburg with friends.

#### BOYS ENTERTAINED.

The T. G. L. C. Young Ladies Spend a Pleasant Evening.

The members of the Girls Literary Club were delightfully entertained at the Central club house on West avenue

last night. There were eighteen couples present

and all enjoyed themselves immensely. Mr. and Mrs. LeGrand C. Betts acted as chaperones and were as charming as their predecessors in helping to make the evening's pleasure a thing long to be remembered and without a doubt they succeed.

Whist was enjoyed during the early part of the evening, and after the intermission Calvin T. Purdy at the piano dispensed dance music until after mid-

The prize winners at the whist tourney were Miss Grace Stommel and Mr. Ward S. Gregory. The prizes were two very pretty gold stickpins.

Among those present were the Misses Alyse Gregory, Vera Wood, Grace Byington, Clara Betts, Jeannette Gregory, Grace Adams, Edith Hunter, Violet Ells, Grace Stommel, Julia Lockwood, Helen Quintard, Helen Swartz, Emilie Jennings, Eva Ferris, Edith Cousins, Ethel Wilcox, and Alice

The Messrs: Ward Gregory, Frank Van Buren, Louis Leonard, Samuel his numerous patrons that the present Partridge, Fred Ells, Harry Cousins, A. Dwight Keep, Frank Sherman, William Beers, Willard Comstock, Rutherford Keeler, George E. Cram, Clarence Cram, Fred Carder, Robert Van Buren, Charles C. Swartz, and Homer M. Byington,

> A splendid musical programme has been arranged for the Sunday evening services at the Baptist church, to-morrow. A baptismal service will also be celebrated.

The Sherwood family held a reunion in Westport yesterday.

The Fancher shoe factory at New Qanaan has shut down for three weeks.

### South Norwalk.

Branch Office of GAZETTE No. 12 North Main Street,

Mary Ghitto won the piano raffled at Barker's Thursday night.

Capt. James K. Crofut, of Hartford, spent Christmas in town.

Section Foreman, George Beam, is confined to his house by sickness. Several sleighs were upset under the

Washington street railroad bridge yes--Pork Roast 8: 1b. Paul Schultz's.

-Umbrellas and canes, O'Brien's Jack Cashow won the meerschaum

and Thomas Casey the brian pipe, at Barker's last evening. Ticket No. 3,270 drew the bicycle at

the South Norwalk Hardware company's store Thursday evening.

-Knox Derby at O'Brien's.

Frank Ford was before the Town Court this morning, charged with disturbing the Salvation Army meeting yesterday. His case was continued until Monday.

The old paper Phil W, owned by A. Bach, died of paralysis yesterday morning. He was formerly owned by J. E. Woodhull and John Lycett.

-Home made native sausage meat, 0c. lb. Paul Schultz, Jr., No. 5 Rail-

Clarence McChesney died at his home on West avenue at an early hour this morning, aged 29 years.

Albert Hyatt of Strawbury Hill road, won the Benedict & Co. pony, he having guessed nearest his age.

Miss Jessie Selleck, of Elizabeth street, left yesterday to spend Sunday with relatives in Reading.

-First class turkeys, 18c lb , at Paul Schultz, Jr., No. 5 Railroad Piace. Miss Edythe Gates and Miss Bertha Adams have gone to the former's home.

in Hartford to spend Sunday. Miss Julia Burnham, of Betts Piace, East Norwalk, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Charles Knight, in Vernon Center.

Percy. Victor and Irving Ferris have given up business for the day, and gone after rabbits. If they have as good luck as they do at fish ing, poor Bunny will be in the pot-pic.

Cape Cod crapberries, 7c qt. Paul Schultz, 5 Railroad Place.

Captain Oliver W. Weed died at his home on Riverside avenue, Thursday afternoon, aged 76 years. The funeral will be held from his is a residence tomorrow atternoon at 2% days. The interment will be at Weet Norwalk.

-Fresh hams 10c lb. Paul Schultz's. Old Well Lodge will meet at the Lodge room to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock, and go in a body to Trinity church and listen to a sermon by Rev. F. W. Norris. All masons are invited to attend.

Union ex-prisoners of war will hold their annual meeting for the election ing year, at the rooms of Douglas Fowler post, G. A. R., January 5, at 7:30 p. m. The attendance of all Union exprisoners of war is earnestly solicited.

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The three masted schooner George E. Dudley, of New Raven, loaded with a cargo of pig iron, which ran on a reef during the snow storm early Wednesday morning, off Stamford harbor, was pulled off by tugs late last night and was towed to Bridgeport. The damage sustained by the vessel is

The schooner Ann Louise Lockwood arrived yesterday at New York, from Cornish Island. She had strong northwesterly gales for eight days north of Hatteras and sprung her foremast and split several sails. The Lockwood is a wall-known vessel in these parts.

The wheels on east bound extra freight No. 4, broke near the Washington street railroad bridge about 7 o'clock this morning, and blocked track B. The wrecker came down and after two hours had the tracks cleared. -Danlap Derby at O'Brien's.

Fire in the Stamford residence of Dr. Schavoir on Thursday did a large amount of damage.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii. passed through this city yesterday afternoon on the Colonial express, due here at 3:43 o'clock, en route for Bostor. Her coming was unheralded, and the people at the depot who saw, through the uncurtained window of a parlor car, a dark, stout lady of uncertain age, didn't know that it was the personage whose name was, four years ago, as familiar in everyone's mouth as Maceo's is now. The ex-queen, with her party, arrived in Jersey City at 1:25 o'clock from the South. She will spend several weeks in Boston with her husband's uncle, William Lee, of the firm of Lee & Shepard.

The following list will comprise the musical numbers of the service for Christmas Sunday, Dec. 27, at the first M. E. Church, South Norwalk. Quartette will be assisted by Mr. U. A. Freeman, violinist. MORNING SERVICE.

TeDeum in B Minor Dudley Buck. How Beautiful upon the Mountains

Arise, Shine, for thy Light has Come Bethlehem

EVENING SERVICE. Blumen-The Vigil of the Sheperds schine. How Lovely upon the Mountains

Duett for Alto and Tenor, The Angel of Light. Solo for soprano, Tae Infant King Neidlinger Solo for Base, The Light of the World

Adans The usual attractive numbers, by Mrs. Golding and Mr. Freeman, will be rendered upon the organ and violin.

#### THEY WANTED IT.

They Had Waited Long, and When It Came They Were After it With a Rush.

The people of Norwalk have long suffered with no relief. There is probably no city in the country where that peculiar product of the American climate (catarrh) is more prevalent than in Norwalk. The people of Norwalk know this, and when the California Catarrh Cure company, just to prove the effica-cy of their great remedy, offered to take a large number of free patients, the people turned out with a rush. Those who tried it at once told of its great re-heving power to scores of others, and

they came in throngs after the great medicine.

And California Catarrh Cure has be gun its work. Relief is already reported in scores of cases. Nothing helped them till they got California Catarrh Cure. Many had heard of the hundreds of cares in Boston and Providence, and wanted the medicine which worked such great results. They had read of Mr

great results. They had read of Mr Charles Bayrhoff, a pharmacist, formerly located at 178 Broad street, Providence, who recently said:

"I had a bad case of catarrh. It used to cause a dropping into the throat that provoked facqueut gagging, often making me lose my broakfast. I used one hatther of Chiffernia Gafarrh Chre and bottle of California Gatarrh Cure, and in three weeks every disagreeable symptom of the disease had vanished. I was completely cared.

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### PRIEST UNDER ARREST

Father Burns Charged With Embezzling \$2,000.

HE WAS AN ADMINISTRATOR

Alleged to Have Taken Money From Father Larkin's Estate Without Sufficient Authority - Priest's Bondsmen Causo His Arrest,

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 26 .- The Catholics of Connecticut are astonished over the arrest of the Rev. Charles E. Burns, a Cathplic priest residing in Milford, on a charge of the embezzlement of \$2,000 from the estate of Father Larkin. It concerns the disposition of \$15,000 made by the Rev. James Larkin of Milford in his will, in which he bequeathed everything he possessed to Father O'Brien of Bridgeport, utterly ignoring brothers and sisters and other heirs in California, Kentucky

and Australia.

The estate consisted entirely of money in banks in New Haven, Bridgeport and Milford. There was at once a bitter contest, and Judge Gunn of the probate court of Milford refused to admit the will to probate. An appeal was taken to the superior court in this city, but after some time this was withdrawn, Father O'Brien having consented to receive \$1,500 instead

New troubles arose. The executor named by Father Larkin in his will refused to act any longer, and Father Burns was appointed administrator in his stead. He immediately filed an administrator's account with the probate judge. To this the heirs took exception and appealed from a decision allowing these claims.

Probate Refused to Allew Claims.

Among the items in the bill filed by Father Burns was one for \$1,000, which sum he had paid to Father Mayer, the acting priest at Milford, for masses. This he had done without any authority whatsoever. The probate judge refused to allow this claim, and the heirs proceeded to appeal from the following items: One thousand dollars for Father Burns' services as administrator, \$750 for a monument, which, it was claimed, had never been erected, although the money for it had been taken from the bank; \$300 for the St. Francis Orphan asylum, which the directors of the

asylum have never received.

Father Burns' sureties became annoyed and alarmed and petitioned for his re-moval from the administratorship on the ground of negligence and erratic proceedings. The court granted the potition and appointed Judge A. Heaton Robertson of this city to replace Father Burns. Father Burns was soon called to account for the

various items in his expense bill. Judge Robertson notified the sureties that \$1,300 must be paid back at once and brought suit against Father Burns in the superior court for that amount, alleging misappropriation of the funds of the state. The sureties of Father Burns have now caused his arrest, in the Burns have now caused his arrest, in the hope of clearing themselves. The amount of the alleged embezzlement, which is set down at \$2,000, would very nearly cover everything that he protested against, except the \$1,000 which was actually paid over to Father Mayer for masses.

When Father Burns was arrested, he took the master coulty after his first in-

took the matter coolly, after his first indignation had subsided. The case has been continued until Monday, when it is expected that additional details regarding the case may come to light.

The Steel Workers' Wages.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—Notices were posted in all the mills of the Carnegie Steel company, limited, notifying the workmen that the same wage scale that was paid last year would continue during 1897. The scale affects from 12,000 to 15,000 tonnage men, day men and turn men. The scale now in effect was made in 1895, and on May 14 of that year a voluntary increase 10 per cent was granted by the compa-This scale, with the bonus, was paid during the remainder of the year and throughout 1896 in the face of unfavorable trade conditions. The company in its notice posted says, "The present condition of the iron and steel business does not warrant this continuance of the payment of the bonus, but we hope that in 1897 there will come such improvements as to do so, and with this hope we have been led to continue this payment.'

Killed by a Collision.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 26.—William Dougherty was killed and James Nedry, James Stewart and Stephen Neister badly injured in a collision between the engine of the Water Witch fire company and a Bal-timore and Ohio train at the Pennsylvania avenue crossing. They were thrown 100 feet and hurled against the side of a building. Dougherty died within an hour. He was returning from a visit to his mother, to whom he had given a Christmas gift, when the alarm struck, and, being a member of another fire company, Dougherty jumped upon the engine.

Ball Player's Fatal Game.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 .- Joseph Man by David Force, also a professional ball player, is dead. The police are looking for Force. Force played in the big league of the east, and at various times was a star of the St. Louis Browns, the Cincinnatis and Bostons. He was a high salaried man. His position was at shortstop, though he filled almost any position on the diamond. He dropped out of the baseball world some years ago, and it is said he has been leading a wild, reckless life. Of Mauning, the ball players know little.

Reform Press Association.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—Paul Vandervoort, president of the National Reform Press association, issued a call for the annual meeting of the organization at Memphis Feb. 22, 1897. This organization is composed of Populist papers as an auxiliary to the National Farmers' Alliance. This organization opposed the Bryan fusion in this section as the election and was a very disturbing factor, its president leading the organization to everything but unadulterated Populism.

Sultan Starts Reforms.

LONDON, Dec. 26. - The Times' Constantinople correspondent says, "Sir Edgar Vincent, director of the Ottoman bank, Informs me that the sultan is devoting himself to the fluances and is ordering important reductions of the military expenditures and a 10 per cent reduction in the civil list."

Rich Bequest to a University.

LONDON, Dec. 26 .- A Paris dispatch to The Times says that M. Nobel has bequeathed a fortune estimated at \$10,000,-000 to the Stockholm university.

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While One Panther Was Caught in the Trap the Other Remained to Comfort.

A story is told about a panther that was trapped by Luke Anderson, who has a small ranch in the Smut Creek Valley of the Big Horn Mountains. Smut Creek is a small stream about five miles long flowing through the ranch from a series of springs up among the mountains. Near one of these springs Luke set his trap, a big steel affair weighing seventeen nounds. and usually used for big bears.

He went to the trap on four successive days, but found that nothing had disturbed it. He skipped the fifth day.

On the sixth day, when he approached the trap from stream, he heard a groaning sound and the rustling of leaves. He peered over a rock at the place he had set his trap.

The place had been disturbed somewhat. Every small bush within five yards was torn up by the roots. No trap or beast was in sight. Luke looked about quickly. He could hear the groans, and they sounded uncomfortably close.

On the far side of the rock behind which he was Luke saw the tips of the ears of an animal. Luke slid out of that quickly. He backed away with rifle cocked and made a detour of several rods. Then to his surprise he saw, not one, but two panthers. One of the two had its leg in the trap. The other was beside it, licking down the trapped one's neck tenderly, as an old cat licks a kitten. The wounded one was groaning.

Luke shot the untrapped one and then killed the other. He found that the trapped animal was a male, with an ugly face. The other was a sleekcoated female.

Pianos that Catch Cold.

Half the pianos of this country catch winter colds exactly as we do. They get boarse, or have a cough, or a stiff note, or some similar complaint which requires tedious and expensive doc-

In order to prevent these avoidable ailments a piano should be kept in a moderately warm room, where the temperature is even, say 60 or 70 degrees, the year round-not cold one day and hot the next. The instrument should not, however, be too near the source of heat. It should be kept closed, and covered with a felt cloth when not in use, particularly in frosty weather.

Always place the piano against an inside wall, and a little out from it .-From Answers.

Had an Alternative.

Pilrey-And because you couldn't find a nickel to pay the fare, did the conductor make you get off and walk Jayson-No, he only made me get off. I could have sat on the street if I'd wanted to .- Roxbury Gazette.

She Wears a Dagger.

The up to date young woman is now One morning, some years ago, the ness of her apparel. The dagger is arge as ornaments go, and her favor te way to wear it is thrust through the drapery of her gown at the cors

When worn with evening gowns the ailt of the dagger should gleam with precious stones. With these costly laggers the blade is generally of gold and the hilt studded with diamonds and sapphires or diamonds and emeralds

Daggers for evening wear are also most effective with the hilt entirely covered with fire opals.

Even with her tailor-made gown, the society girl is wearing a dagger. It is then made of beaten steel, in prefer ence to gold or silver, and is a stylish accessory to a military tailor gown.

Bret Harte's Stories.

Bret Harte estimated some years ago that he had written 600 stories, and s he has since continued to be busy with his pen the Boston Herald thinks he must be regarded as the most pro lific story-writer of the time. He has written only one long novel, "Gabrie' Jonroy."

Shocking Ignorance.

'Pa, who was Shylock?" Paterfamilias (with a look of surrise and horror): "Great goodness, boy, you attend church and Sunday school every week and den't know who Shylock was? Go and read your Sible, sir." Testing a Poet.

wearing a dagger. Not for the pur eight-year-old son of Professor Royce pose of stabbing her lover, however of Harvard was watering the lawn in but merely to add to the picturesque front of his father's house at Cambridge when the late James Russell Lowell happened to pass by on his way to Professor Eliot Norton's. Directly he recognized who it was, the boy turned the hose upon the author of the Biglow Papers and drenched him from head to foot. Professor Royce afterwards tackled his son. "I don't see how you could have done it, Theo-dore." said be. "What said be. "What reason was therasin doing such a thing?" Theodore looked gravely at his father and said, "There was every reason in the world. I was extremely desirous of knowing how a poet would behave in such circumstances."

> Careful Consideration Fully Appreciated. George H. Wood invited McCarthy to stop in his house for the night, owing to the fierce storm raging. Shortly after his guest had retired Wood went to the door in answer to a ring at the bell and found McCarthy standing on the doorstep with rain dripping from him. "I went home for my pipe," he explained .- New York Journal.

> > Poor Henry's Stupldity.

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OPEN EVENINGS

A Trainload of Spanish Soldiers Blown Up on the Island.

SLAUGHTER OF SOLDIERS.

Hot Fighting Reported From the Provinces-Mexico Sympathizes Warmly With the Insurgents-Other News of the Rebellion.

Santiago, Cuba, Dec. 24.—An express train has left here to bring back the Spanish soldiers wounded in a dynamite explosion near Des Caminos.

A large number of Spanish troops had been hastened off on a secret mission over the Sabanilla and Maroto railroad in the early morning. The Cubans were in-formed of the expedition and laid a dy-namite bomb on the track in a spot favor-

able for an ambush.
The bomb exploded as the middle of the train was passing over it. Four cars were blown to pieces, killing and wounding 18

After the explosion the insurgents attacked the terrified troopers and captured a great quantity of arms, killing 2 officers and 20 soldiers and wounding many times

that number.

In the districts of Holguin and Gibara there have been three engagements of late. Near Gibara Colonel Covallos, with his Spanish column, met the Cuban Sartoric on Dec. 8. The Spanish colonel was mor-

The insurgent leader Ferla, has Gibara

under siege.

A Spanish column left Holguin on Dec.
7 to relieve the town, but the Cuhans were louble in number and well supplied with grans and ammunition. They attacked the arms and ammunition. They attacked the Spaniards fiercely, defeating and compelling them to flee, leaving a great number of killed and wounded. On Dec. 9 General Nario and his Spanish column met the rebol leaders Nini Sierra and Mateo Sanchez. The Spanish general was taking a convoy from Holguin to the interior. Suddenly attacked, he lost the whole convoy, consisting of 60 mules laden with arms ammunition and provisions. The Spanish cameral's horse was killed under Spanish general's horse was killed unde him. A section of Spanish guerrilas, 40 in number, deserted the Spaniards and

joined the insurgents.
On Dec. 10 Colonel Demetric Castillo and his Cubans attacked the Spanish un-der Lieutenant Colonel Serra. Over 800 men were engaged for two hours, the Spaniards retreating with the loss of an officer and 14 soldiers killed and more than 80 wounded.

The news of General Maceo's death was officially received here on Dec. 10, and the Spanish element celebrated it with dinners, music in the park, fireworks and flags on public buildings and private

Sympathy In Mexico.

SAN LUIS POTOST, Mexico, Dec. 24.-The feeling in favor of the Cuban insurgents runs so high here that serious trou-ble is threatened. On Wednesday night a mob gathered in this city, inflamed by a circular said to have been written by a Spaniard and defaming Mexicans and Mexican institutions, especially in reference to the part taken in sympathy with the Cubans. This circular precipitated a riot. A crowd assembled early in the evening, constantly growing in numbers and excitement until at 10 o'clock it had reached the proportions of a mob. It gathered around the Spanish consulate and threatened to demolish the structure, but was finally contradad by one as two but was finally controlled by one or two cool heads. Banners inscribed with huge red letters were flaunted before the con-sulate, and violent talk and insults abounded. The Spanish consul was in great peril and appealed to the authorities to protect him. The mob finally left after severe measures had been taken by the police. Plans were made to disperse any subsequent gathering.

Working on Our Warships,

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 24.-Though work has slackened somewhat at the navy vard. owing to the discharge of a part of the force because of a lack of funds, there is still a fair amount of work in progress, about 500 men being employed.

Work still continues on the Baltimore

Concord, Mohican, Ranger and Pensacola, for which ships money was especially set aside by the last congress. The cruiser Charleston, however, did not come under this head and will probably have to wait until the appropriations of the present congress are available before her repairs begin.
The gunboat Petrel, which was placed in

commission on Dec. 15, is at the dock fit-ting out with stores for a three years' cruise on the China station. She will probably lie here for two months more, during which time she will be examined by the board of inspection.

Spain's War Footing.

MADRID, Dec. 24.—Queen Regent Christina will, on Christmas day, sign a decree ordering the operation of certain reforms in the island of Puerto Rico. Admiral Beranger, minister of marine,

denies that the government is purchasing General Azcarraga, minister of war, has rendered an account to the queen regent of the work which has been done by the war ministry, with a view to the arising of

possible complications. El Epoca, a semiofficial organ, declares that, together with the reserves, the Spanish army is fully capable of maintaining an international war

To Assess the Spiritual Temple.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The board of assess ors has decided to assess the First Spirit-ual temple for taxes. This action was taken as a result of the appointment of a special committee of the common council to investigate, the reason why the temple was exempted from taxation and to obtain an opinion from the common council. The property is assessed for more than \$240,000. There is no doubt that this action will be resisted.

Congressman Elect 111.

PARIS, Mo., Deer 24 .- R. E. Bodine of this city, congressman elect from this district, is very ill from pneumonia. At the late election Mr. Bedine, who was the Democratic candidate, carried the Second district by an overwhelming majority, defeating Charles A. Loomis of Chillicothe by over 5,000 votes:

Montreal Residences Burned.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24 .- The residence of Frank M y, a well known wholesale dry goods merchant; John Gauit, superintend ent of the Merchants' bank, and Judge Doherty, on Stanley street, just above Sherbrook street, were burned today. It is estimated that the loss will be about BIG STRIKE THREATENED.

Action of the West End Street Railway

Company's Employees In Boston. Boston, Dec. 24.—The conductors and motormen of the West End Street Railway company held important meetings upon all divisions of the road. The employees want an agreement with the company for the year 1897 regulating the hours of la-bor, wages and other conditions. These conditions had been voted on at the several division meetings and then referred to a committee to present to the management of the company. This committee held two conferences with the officials of the road, and it was expected that a third would be held the first of this week. It is said that the officials refused longer to deal with the

men as an organization.

This was reported by the advisory committee to the special meetings. After the report to the men they were asked to vote n the question, "Shall we as an organization sustain our committee by refusing to perate any cars until the agreement is

Ballots on this question were taken on all the divisions of the system, and reports were made to the supreme council at 45 Eliot street. The vote on all the divisions was reported as almost unanimously in

favor of supporting the committee in its demand for recognition as an organized body. As the matter now stands, unless the management of the road recognizes the employees as an organization and signs the agreement, no cars will be run by the old employees. In other words, an attempt will be made to tie up the system.

#### SAVED BY THE ENGINEER.

Dastardly Train Robben Put One Hundred Passengers In Great Peril.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 24.—Some coundrels, intending robbery, removed the plates from the rails on top of Mc-Comb's trestle, on the Southern railroad, 15 miles from here, and moved a rail 12 inches out of plumb.

Train No. 37, consisting of a locomotive and six cars, with more than 100 passengers on board, came down the mountain to the bridge at schedule rate.

Engineer James Hawes discovered the airbrakes, but too late to prevent the entire train and locomotive leaving the rails. The train went its full length and ten feet on the timbers on top of the trestle,

but fortunately did not turn over.

Had it not been for the quick action of the engineer the train would have dropped

The work was done by train robbers Sheriff O'Brien and posse, with six good dogs, have struck a hot trail and are now in pursuit of the would be wreckers. The passengers were transferred from the trestle and brought here. The passengers were loud in praise of Engineer Hawes.

Slavery In Madagascar Abolished. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Among the eariest reforms of the French government in Madagascar is embodied a decree abolishing slavery, a copy of which has been re-ceived by the state department from Con-sul. Wetter at Tamatave. It declares all the inhabitants free, forbids traffic in human beings, nullifies every contract providing for the sale of persons and imposes penalities for violations of the law, which are to be tripled in case of a second offense.

A Fortunate Church.

ESSEX, Conn., Dec. 24.—By the will of the late Captain Joseph H. Tucker St. John's Episcopal church and the Public library are beneficiaries of an estate valued A new church is to be built at \$25,000. with the funds. A niece of Captain Tucker, Miss Susan M. Loomis, died a few days ago, and her property, valued at \$10,000, goes to the same church.

Atlantic and Pacific's Troubles. Los Angeles, Dec. 24. - A decree of fore closure in the suit of the United States Trust company of New York against the Atlantic and Pacific Railway company has been marted in the circuit court of the

Troubles Following a Lynching. MAYFIELD, Ky., Dec. 24. - Special train

today have brought armed negroes and whites to town, and they are preparing for a fight. An attack is hourly expected. Reports have it that the negroes purpose to punish the men who lynched Jim Stone, colored, and followed this by attacking colored families who lived on the outskirts

A Big German Syndicate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—German merchants are contemplating a scheme of won-derful magnitude in Japan, according to alai. It is reported that about 25 including shipbuilding, railway and other big concerns, are combining to form a syndicate in order to get all the orders of the Japanese government.

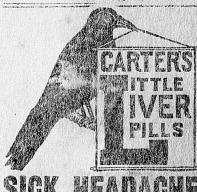
Hop. John Johnston Dead,

CLAYTON, N. Y., Dec. 24 .- The Hon. John Johnston died at his home here. He was 80 years of age and was the son of the late William Johnston, who was com-mander in chief of the naval forces of the patriots in 1838, during the insurrection Mr. Johnston was president of the Ex-

HANNIBAL, Mo., Dec. 24 .- Congressman Hatch is still alive, but is thought to be dying. His friends are gathered around his bedside expecting every moment to be his last. He is totally raralyzed, uncon scious and apparently without pain.

Pennsylvania Coal Dividend.

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foul taste and fouler breath; if he feels listless and sluggish; if he is dizzy and blind the minute he steps out of bed; if his breakfast doesn't taste good; if he feels utterly incapable of work, it is a pretty sure sign that his digestion is out of order—that his principal trouble is constipation. If he lets this condition run on, there is no telling where it will stop. Nine-tenths of all human sickness comes from constipation. The first thing that every doctor asks when he is called to see a patient is whether the bowels are in good order. It is nonsense to call a doctor for such a simple thing. It is nonsense to let such a simple thing grow into such a serious thing, as it always does if neglected. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They not only afford immediate and pleasant relief from all the distressing symptoms, but they cure permanently and positively. There are 10,000 medicines that can Department. oms, but they cure permanently and posi-vely. There are 10,000 medicines that can e taken, to give temporary relief. The Pleasant Pellets? are the only things that

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Soldiers are often heard to say, "If I'm going to be shot, I shall be shot." Mr. R. G. Wiberforce, who was an ensign of the 52nd during the Indian Mutiny, says he never met but three men who carried into practice the adage. One of these men was a friend, who, on Wilberforce's arrival in front of Delhi, proposed a ride to show him the pickets, assuring him that the journey was safe. As they rode along, Wilberforce suddenly heard the ping of a bullet, quickly followed by a second and a third. "Hallo-what does this mean?" he exclaimed. "Ob, it is only the rifle-pits; we are just on their line of fire!" answered the friend. Instantly Wilberforce put spurs to his steed and galloped into a safe place. Turning round, Wilberforce saw that his friend had dismounted, and was picking up the whip that he had dropped. Having done that, he slowly remounted and walked his horse to where Wilberforce was awaiting him, On another occasion a live shell came inside a siege battery, and began burying itself in the ground. Everybody went down except this fatalist. "Lie down, you fool!" they called out. Removing his eigar from his lips, he said, "I am not going to put myself out for The sentence was interrupted by the explosion of a shell. A fragment cut off a piece of the standing man's trousers. He pointed to the forn portion as an illustration of the truth of the adage. The other man who lived up to this fatalist doctrine was seen by Wilberforce standing still to light a cigar in the middle of a street down which a heavy fire was pouring, Wilberforce, who was under shelter, called to him to come under cover. He looked up and said, "How often have I told you that, if I am to be shot, I shall be shot, whether I am where I am or under cover? Then, taking out another match, he finished the lighting process which his friend had interrupted. The third instance oc curred at the Delhi bank on the day of the assault. Seated on the steps of the bank between two men was Wilberforce's most intimate friend. houses opposite were thickly lined with Sepoy rebels, who kept up a harassing fire, to which the three men were directly exposed. Wilberforce called to them to join him under the shelter of a wall. The friend answered, "If I am to be shot. I shall be, no matter where I am." Scarcely had he spoken when his companions were killed. He himself was not touched, though seven bullets struck one companion and two the other. He called attention to the fact as a proof of the truth of his

LI AND THE LOCOMOTIVE.

There is a story concerning the first locomotive ever seen in China. Li Hung Chang was given permission to construct a railway from the sea to his mines upon the condition that steam power should not be used, and for several months the cars were hauled by mules. Then Mr. Kinder and some of the foreign machinists ser cretly constructed a locomotive out of such materials as they could find in China. It was a rude affair, and it was never able to make more than five or six miles an hour, but it was a great. advantage over the mule teams, for it could haul seven or eight cars of coal at that speed, where it took four mules to haul one. But when the mandarins at Peking learned that foreign devils were using a fire-eating monster on the railway they immediately made a tremendous fuss about it, and called Li Hung Chang to account for violating his concession. The old gentleman took it very coolly, and pretended not to know anything about it, but he afterward restored himself in favor by issuing an order rebuking Mr. Kinder and his associates for their presumption and forbidding them to introduce any more new-fangled foreign notions into China. Shortly after he secretly patted them on the back and raised their pay. The excitement quieted down and was soon forgotten. Then Mr. Kinder got up steam in his clumsy old engine again, and was allowed to run it without interference. Later a couple of regularly made locomotives were imported from 1 and have since been hauling coal trains on that road.—Chicago Record.

The Cat Wears Glasses.

Max, the handsome Maltese pet of Miss Thompson, of San Francisco, is perhaps the only cat on record that wears spectacles.

Miss Thompson says she has owned Max since her early youth, and has found him a most invaluable posses sion besides being a loving little companion in her loneliness. A few months ago, much to her distress, Miss Thompson discovered that Max was losing his eyesight, so she carried his to a well known oculist to be treated. At first the man of science refused to make the experiment, scarcely knowing how to begin, but at Miss Thompson's suggestion, he secured a line and the picture of a mouse, and by holding these alternately and at varying distances before Max was finally enabled to test his eyes quite thoroughly. After the necessary treatment, the doctor fitted Max with a pair of glasses the gold frames having to be made to order, of course, and now the big cat looks as wise as the proverbial owl with his double eyes, and Miss Thompson declares it is as good as new again. -Philadelphia Times.

"No. Willie dear," said Willie's ma ma-'no more cakes to-night. Don't you know you cannot sleep on a full stomach?" "Well," replied Willie, "I can sleep on my back."

### FORT PICKENS ON FIRE

An Attempt to Blow Up Fortifications In Florida.

WORK OF AN INCENDIARY.

It Was Very Near an Appalling Disaster. Hard Work Saved the Fort and the Lives of Two Hundred Meu. Work on Coast Defeuse.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Dec. 26.—An attempt to blow up Fort Pickens, and thus destroy the only work of defense at the entrance and main channel of Pensacola harbor, was discovered just in time to prevent an

explosion and save the lives of the 200 men in the garrison.

A watchman who was making his rounds at half past 10 o'clock found that a fire had been started in the room in which oil is stored. This is the second casemate room from the powder magazine. There are 27 tons of powder and a large quantity of dynamite stored in the magazine. The fire had just been started when it was discovered by the watchman. It was evidently the intention of the person was evidently the intention of the person who started it to cause the blazing oil to spread through the passageways and along the gallery to the great magazine. The explosion of the powder and dynamite would have swept the fort entirely away. The watchman who discovered the fire acted promptly. He sounded an alarm, and within a few minutes the entire work-

ing force of the fort was called out to fight the fire and prevent it from communicat-ing with the magazine.

The situation was a desperate one for the small force which guarded the fort. The life of every man was in danger, for an explosion of the powder and dynamic would have probably resulted in the death of all persons in the fort.

Hard Work Prevented a Disaster.

The men worked with energy under the well, directed efforts of the officers in com-mand. Water and sand were brought from the beach by a track engine, and after three hours of hard work the danger of an explosion of the magazine was averted.

Had the magazine been exploded, the

fort would have been destroyed, as well as the new 10 inch battery now in process

Investigation shows conclusively that a deliberate attempt was made to destroy the fort. The persons concerned in the plot and their motives have not been discovered. Watches around the fort have been doubled, and no one is allowed to

Work has been progressing rapidly on the new battery at Fort Pickens, consisting of emplacements for four 10 inch guns. Three of the emplacements are nearly completed, and the fourth is expected to be completed within two months. The guns will be placed in position as soon thereafter as practicable. The casemated work at Fort Pickens, commenced in 1823 with Fort Barraneas, and the proposed new batteries near the site of Fort McRee, constitute the defenses of the town and harbor of Pensacola and the navy yard at Warrington. It is situated near the west end of Santa Rosa island and is at present the only work of defense of the entrance and main channel to Pensacola harbor. Plans for the modification of this work and the construction of exterior sand batteries for heavy guns were prepared by the board of engineers for fortifications when bastions C and D were modified.

#### Princess of Chimay's Elopement.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Vienna reports that the Princess of Chimay and Caraman, former-ly Miss Clara Ward of Detroit, whose husband is suing her for divorce at Charleroi, in Belgium, has arrived at Budapest with the gypsy musician Johann Rigo. The latter says that his band had played nightly in the leading restaurant in Paris. The princess became enamored upon hearing him play and invited him to her house, and they finally cloped. He says he will marry her when the divorce action has been ended. The Budapest gypsies are organizing a festival in honor of the event.

#### A Month's Revenue Receipts.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue shows the total receipts for the month of November were \$12,701,869, a decrease as compared with November last year of \$227,857. For the five months of the present fiscal year the decrease was \$651,957. The only notable increase for the month is \$185,211 from whisky, while there was a decrease of \$166,802 from to-bacco. For the last five months the inse in the receipts from whisky was \$1,401,592.

#### Kirkpatrick Gets a Call,

ROCHESTER, Dec. 26.—Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick, paster of the Second Universalist church of this city, has received a call from the people of Ilion, Herkimer county, to go there and start a Universalist church. The call was extended some weeks ago, but Mr. Kirkpatrick will not do anything toward accepting it until he has received an entire vindication here, he having been arrested on Tuesday on a charge of impersonating an officer.

#### Incendiary Fire.

REHOBOTH, Mass., Dec. 26.—The post-office here, kept by John C. Marvel, his adjoining house and a house near by belonging to Sylvanus Peck were totally destroyed by an incendiary fire. There was a heavy mail on head, It is a strayer color. heavy mail on hand. It is a strange coin cidence that for the past two years the postoffice has been robbed of a large amount of pension money which was on hand for Christmas time.

#### Trial of Stambuloff's Assassins.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 26.—The evidence in the trial of the persons accused of the murder of ex-Premier Stambuloff indicated that Naum Tufektchieff had tried to intimidate the magistrates. Absolute proof of the prisoners' guilt appears to be wanting.

#### The Shah's Vast Fortune.

LONDON, Dec. 26.-A Vienna dispatch to The Daily Telegraph says that the late shah of Persia, Nasr ed Din, who was assassinated in May last, left a fortune of \$200,000,000.

#### Death of a Venerable Teacher.

SENECA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Edward Mynderse died at his home in this village after a long illness, aged 80 years. He was for 38 years president of Mynderse academy.

Victim of the Mine Explosion. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 25.-Nicholas Chunk, one of the men injured by an explosion of gas in the Baltimore mine on Monday last, has died. All the others will WRECK OF THE OROUTT.

Captain, Crew and Vessel Lost In a Storm Off Cape Cod.

CHATHAM, Mass., Dec. 26.—The deadly sandbars of Cape Cod have claimed anoth er ill fated coaster, and again an entira ship's crew has found a watery grave on

this treacherous coast.

The four masted schooner Calvin B. Orcutt, Captain Pearce, of Perth Amboy, N. J., in ballast from Portland to Norfolk with a crew of eight men, went ashore during a northeast blizzard, and but little is left of the trim coaster. The unfortu-nate men, after an awful battle with the mighty waves, dropped from the rigging one by one into the loy sea. The life sav-ing crew had shot their line across the ship, but too late, as no one was left on board to cling to the one cord which might

have drawn them to safety.

It was nearly midnight when the patrolman of the Orleans life saving station, while patroling the beach off Chatham harbor, some three miles below his station, discorned through the thickly falling and swiftly blown snow the dim outlines of a big schooner in the breakers. Burning his night signal, he tolled back to his stahis night signal, he toiled back to his sta-tion to notify the crew of the wreck. The flare of his signal, however, had been seen by the watchman, and on the way back he met the apparatus on the way down the beach to the scene of the wreck. From 2 o'clock until daybreak the life savers made every possible effort either by surfboat or by the lifelines, but the seas were too ter-rible for the launching of the boat, while the line shot across the ship was washed about, with no desperate scamen's hand to about, with no desperate seamen's hand to

grasp it and draw it in.

So terrific was the seas which broke across over the ship that a few minutes after the life savers arrived the four big masts crashed over the side, while in a few hours more the stanch hull was in fragments. Not one of Captain Pearce's crew had lived to tell the dreadful tale of the battle with the ocean. The Orcutt's longboat came ashore three miles down the beach, where it was picked up by the crew of the Chatham life saving station, with a large hole stove in its bow. In the now clear sunlight, at low water, part of the keel of the vessel can be seen in the surging billows on the outer bar, but other than a large piece of the side of the ship the main portions of the vessel which

come ashore are in the smallest fragments The Oroutt was a four masted schooner, built at Bath, Me., in 1888, and owned in Perth Amboy, Captain Pearce himself be

She was one of the finest of the coasting fleet, being 953 tons gross, 189 feet in length and 40 feet beam. Captain Pearce was an old and experienced seaman and was an oid and experienced seaman and was probably as familiar as any one with this part of the coast, having doubled the cape scores of times. The fearful gale, however, with the blinding snow, probably drove him off his course, and before he was aware of it the bars had touched his

The crew were as follows: Captain, Edgar Pearce: mate, Reuben Grew; steward, Lewis Clark; engineer, Albert Dunbark; seamen, H. Nelson, Benjamin Salberg, Bernard O'Brien and John Lunde.

#### Noted Life Saver Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Captain Sym Baker of the Lone Hill life saving station died at his home in Sayville, on Long is-land. He had served for 20 years in the land. He had served for 20 years in the life saving service. While in command of the Lone Hill station in February, 1905, he rescued two sailors from the rigging of the stranded schooner Louis V. Place aft er they had been in the rigging for 24 hours. The rescue was effected with great difficulty and at great risk to the crew of the lifeboat. Resolutions were passed by the New York legislature complimenting him for his bravery.

#### Pardoned at Last.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 26. — Governor Bushnell has pardoned Isaac Smith of Pike county, who was sentenced to be hanged in 1889 for the murder of his cousin, Stephen Skidmore. Smith was nine times reprieved, and his sentence finally imuted to life imprisonm was led out on to the scaffold, the officials withholding the reprieve until the last minute in the belief that he would confess. He always asserted his innocence and subsequent developments have shown he did not murder Skidmore.

#### Miss Willard's Condition.

BUFFALO, Dec. 26.—A special to The Commercial from Warsaw quotes Dr. Green, the physician in attendance on Miss Frances E. Willard at the Castile sanitarium, as saying that although her condition at present is serious he is sanguine that she will be fully restored eventually, but she will have to remain at the sanitarium some months for treatment. All of Miss Willard's engagements, including her California speaking trip, where she expected to be about Feb. 1, have been canceled.

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#### Killed by His Stepfather.

WHEELING, Dec. 26 .- Del Haven, a young man, 18 years old, was shot to death by his stepfather, Allen Whitman. Haven went to the kitchen for a drink of water. Whitman, hearing the moise, got up, and, thinking Haven was a burglar, shot and billed the wayer mes to whom he was killed the young man to whom he was

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