BANKERS SENT TO PRISON

Offense Consists of Refusing to Loan Money to Venezuelan Government.

ONE FRENCHMAN AMONG THE NUMBER

Call for War Ships to Protect Lives and Property of Foreigners—State of Anarchy in Southern Republic.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—A dispatch from Caracas is published here saying anarchy prevails in Venezuela. Owing to their refusal to advance the government money the directors of the banks of Caracas and Venezuela, including a Frenchman, M. Montauban, and other foreign notabilities have been arrested and thrown into the fortress. The representations of the French charge d'affaires, it is added, have been disregarded and the French colony at Caracas energetically demands that the French Atlantic squadron be dispatched to the coast of Venezuela.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 17.—President Campos Salles has invited Senor Maia, director of the Central Brazil railway, to accept the post of minister of agriculture and the appointment will take effect on January 26. Following the proclamation of martial law yesterday, consequent upon the strike, the city today is apparently calm.

SETTLEMENT IS SATISFACTORY

French Government Pleased with the Outcome of Santo Domingo Affair.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—The French government expresses itself as pleased with the settlement of the Santo Domingo trouble, which, according to a telegram from Admiral Richard, was a complete victory for France. Santo Domingo undertaking to pay the indemnity demanded, a responsible minister to make a public declaration that no affront was ever intended for France and the foreign minister to write to the French government expressing the regrets of his government at the anti-French demonstrations. The officials of the foreign office here deny that there is any question of the recall of the French minister at Santo Domingo.

MAJOR FITZGERALD IS IN BERLIN.

United States Paymaster on His Way Home from Manila.

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—M. Deernaert, the Belgian premier, whom Emperor William received in audience last Sunday, is here trying to hasten an adjustment of the frontier questions between the Congo Free State and German East Africa, particularly in the district of Kivu lake.

Major H. C. Fitzgerald, who went to Manila as paymaster on the staff of General Merritt, is in Berlin on his way to the United States. He expects to sail on January 1. Reviewing the situation in Luzon up to the date of his leaving in November he said today:

"The rebellion may be regarded as broken. The insurgents continue to fight in irregular bands, but these cannot be designated an army. If they had not expected a revulsion of feeling in the United States they would have succumbed long ago."

Major Fitzgerald expresses the opinion that while the islands are immensely rich they can never be properly developed without Chinese labor.

Colwell Watches British Test.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Lieutenant Commander Colwell, the United States naval attache in London, witnessed today, at Yoevil, the test of an invention offered to the United States government for steering torpedoes and submarine craft by means of a wireless electrical device, on the lines of the Marconi system. He will make a report on the subject to the Navy department.

Thirteen Persons Killed.

TURIN, Jan. 17.—It is now announced that thirteen persons altogether were killed and forty others were wounded by the explosion yesterday of the dynamite at Avigliano, fourteen miles from here. The count of Turin and the duke of Aosta have visited the injured in the hospital.

Irving Extends American Tour.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Sir Henry Irving has cabled to the directors of the Lyceum theater, asking a postponement of his London engagement, with a view of an extension of his tour in the United States.

Empress' Mother Worse.

DRESDEN, Jan. 17.—The condition of the empress' mother, dowager duchess of Schleswig-Holstein, is worse today. A bulletin says her sleep is irregular and her breathing difficult.

MR. HANSEN IS AN OPTIMIST

General Passenger Agent of Illinois Central Says His Own Line Will Be Equal to Any.

A. H. Hansen, general passenger agent of the Illinois Central, has addressed a personal communication to local ticket agents relative to the opening of his line into Omaha, in which he forecasts the service which will be inaugurated. Mr. Hansen says:

"The newspaper gossip of the last months, so generally echoed by the railroad fraternity, to the effect that the Illinois Central Railroad company was building into Omaha, has no doubt reached you with many variations as to detail. I therefore take this opportunity to lift the curtain of rumor and to give you a preliminary peep behind the scenes in order that you may have it officially that not only was the rumor correct, but that this new Omaha extension is now an accomplished fact; the road has actually been built, and over it a regular local train has been running between Fort Dodge and Council Bluffs since December 18, 1899, thus incidentally working the line down to the finest possible physical condition.

"This new piece of road is from Council Bluffs, Ia., through Denison and Rockwell City, for a distance of 131 miles to a connection at Tara, Ia. (six miles west of Fort Dodge) with our long-established western line between the Missouri river and Chicago. At a cost of $4,000,000 this new extension has been made from the outset a thoroughly built, high standard piece of railroad, with easy grades and curvatures; and taken in connection with our already existing line from Tara east there will thus shortly be opened up a new through line between Chicago and Omaha which will be the peer of any existing line between the same points—the peer in physical condition, the nature of the service to be established and the character of the equipment to be maintained. Probably in a few days our contemplated unsurpassed through service will be inaugurated over this new Illinois Central line."

TO AID UNION PACIFIC INTERESTS.

Reason Given by Harriman for Buying Southern Pacific Stock.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The Tribune tomorrow will say:

It is learned that E. H. Harriman, chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific Railroad company, and Jacob S. Schiff, of Koen, Loeb & Co., another director of that company, have recently acquired a large block of Southern Pacific stock. The report that they have purchased part of the Stanford holdings from Speyer & Co. is denied by President C. P. Huntington.

Mr. Huntington adds that the relations of his road with the Union Pacific are extremely cordial. It is understood that Messrs. Harriman and Schiff have no intention of endeavoring to secure control of the Southern Pacific, but that they have become purchasers of its stock, with the idea of promoting closer and more pleasant relations between the Union Pacific system, which they represent, and the Southern Pacific.

Will Discuss Freight Rates.

The meeting of the Western Trunk Line committee is in session in Chicago. The momentous questions relative to advances in freight rates on certain articles, as exclusively announced in The Bee a few days ago, will be taken up for consideration. If some of the propositions advanced are agreed upon freight rates will be considerably increased in many instances in territory covered by the committee.

It is expected that the committee will also give some attention to the matter of the Omaha-Kansas City differential on packing-house products to the southeast. The subcommittee appointed for the purpose of agreeing upon a board of arbitration has already held a meeting and its report will be submitted during the present session of freight officials.

Baltimore Elects Officers.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 17.—The annual meetings of the shareholders of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, postponed from time to time since last November, was held today. The old board of directors and the old officers were re-elected. The seventy-third annual report for the year ending June 30, 1899, shows an income of $29,260,211.46, of which $20,055,664.27 was from freight traffic; $5,650,664.31 from passenger traffic; $777,204.73 from mail; $636,406.79 from express and the balance from miscellaneous sources. The net earnings from operations were $6,484,735.41, to which is added $855,289.89 income from other sources. The taxes, rentals, interest and miscellaneous charges against the income were $6,415,296.70, leaving a net surplus of $924,723.60.

Trunk Lines to Maintain Rates.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—A new passenger committee was formed today by the general passenger agents connected with the Trunk Line association. They also adopted a set of rules for maintaining the agreement made last December, which provides for the anti-commission and rate maintaining questions.

By the new rules these roads are barred from passenger rate-cutting, direct or indirect, can pay no commission on passenger traffic, must decline to be made parties in rate-cutting with other connecting lines and must collect full rates for any business originating on a connecting line not in the agreement. Any difference of opinion will be settled by arbitration.

Passenger Men to Meet.

E. O. McCormick, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, and G. T. Nicholson, passenger traffic manager of the Santa Fe, have issued a joint call for another meeting of passenger representatives of western lines to be held in Chicago January 22. It will be an adjourned meeting of the session held January 13. The subjects prominent among those to be considered relate to the California rate situation, colonist rates between St. Paul, North Pacific coast points and intermediate points, the Montana rate situation—rebate plan—and the question of commissions.

Williams to Succeed Collins.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The Chronicle tomorrow will say:

H. R. Williams, general superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, is to be appointed general manager of that system, vice W. C. Collins, who relinquishes the duties of that office tomorrow. W. J. Underwood, now assistant superintendent of the same road, with office in Minneapolis, will be installed as general superintendent in Chicago.

Through Trains to the Coast.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The Burlington Railway company has announced that it will put on a through train from Omaha to the Pacific coast, by way of Edgemont, Billings and Seattle, in the spring. Stopover privileges will be given at Edgemont and the company proposes to push tourist traffic to the Hills during the season.

New Diners on Union Pacific.

The Union Pacific railroad has received five new dining cars, which will be added at once to the service from Omaha to Cheyenne. Two have already been attached to overland limited trains Nos. 1 and 2. Each of the new cars has a seating capacity of fifty-six, or almost double that of the former equipment.

Another Interurban Road.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 17.—Kansas City is to have another interurban electric road to run to Olathe, Kan., twenty-one miles distant from here, on the Santa Fe and Memphis roads. The capital has already been subscribed by Kansas City-Olathe men and the Olathe council has been asked for a franchise.

The modern and most effective cure for constipation and all liver troubles—the famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

Search for Missing Youth.

The friends of Emil Pressler, a Brooklyn youth, who disappeared about a year ago in the vicinity of Omaha, are making a vigorous search in this city for trace of him. Pressler vanished on his way from New York to San Francisco, the last word from him having been received from Council Bluffs. His through ticket was punched as far as that point, but no record of it has been made west of the Missouri. Pressler's hand baggage is also missing, although his trunks arrived safely at San Francisco. A circular has been received in Omaha describing Pressler as a German, 26 years old, of slight figure and light complexion.

Elect a Vanderbilt Man.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 17.—John A. Spoor was today advanced from the position of vice president to that of president of the Union Stock Yards and Transit company, succeeding John B. Sherman, who retired, after having been connected with the company since its organization, about thirty-five years ago. The new president is generally regarded as a Vanderbilt man and his election, it is said, will strengthen the Vanderbilt interests in the stock yards company.

Implement Dealers in Session.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 17.—Close to 200 delegates attended the first session today of the annual convention of the Western Implement and Vehicle Dealers' association. Nine states in the west and southwest were represented. The convention will remain in session for two or three days. D. W. Blaine of Pratt, Kan., who is leading the implement men's fight on the binding twine combine, is among those present.

A BRAWNY SCOT.

Eggs and Grape-Nuts.

"I would like to give you my experience since using Grape-Nuts ten weeks. I began weighing 175 pounds with a big stomach, owing to improper digestion.

I now weigh 199 pounds, and the flesh is on the right places, i. e., the entire muscular anatomy.

Before trying Grape-Nuts I looked upon the food as a Yankee dodge to fleece the public. (I am Scotch.) I am glad to admit my mistake. I stir two raw eggs in one-half cup Grape-Nuts, sugar to taste, beat all together two minutes, add boiling water one-half cup; let stand two minutes, and you have a dish that would satisfy the Prince of Wales for once in his life anyhow. I have a delicate sister in Edinburgh, Scotland, who wants Grape-Nuts. Can she get them there?" John W. Hunter, Oakland, California.

VICTORIES ON PAPER

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to advance would be completed Monday or Tuesday at the latest.

The War office this afternoon posted this notice:

"The following telegram is the only news which has been received in regard to General Buller's operations near Springfield." The telegram then proceeds to report the death of a private from dysentery at Springfield bridge camp, January 13, and the wounding of another private in a reconnaissance towards the Tugela river January 15.

General French's success, though consoling to the British, is recognized as being only a side issue. The country is grateful to learn that the British losses in this engagement were only six men killed and five wounded.

The news that two transports with troops have been ordered from Capetown to Port Elizabeth indicates that substantial reinforcements are on their way to General French.

Prices on the Stock exchange today advanced on the rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved. There is nothing elsewhere to corroborate the report, however.

A relative of General Buller is reported to have received a cablegram from the general yesterday to the effect that his force is occupying a strong position. This report lacks confirmation.

A special dispatch from Capetown, dated today, says General Gatacre has protested to the Boer commandant at Stormberg against allowing the wives and daughters of the Boer soldiers to reside in or near the camp.

RUMOR OF A BOER SEA PLOT

British War Ships Near New Orleans Ready to Escort Transports with Mules.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 17.—It is stated here that there are British war ships within easy reach of the Mississippi, assigned to the duty of escorting the mule transports when they shall have been loaded with animals from New Orleans for South Africa. The presence of the war ships in the gulf waters is said to have been brought about by advices received at the British War office in London to the effect that two old hulks had been fitted out by American sympathizers with the Boers with the avowed intention of capturing and sinking the mule transports as soon as they left the mouth of the river on their voyage across the Atlantic. These advices, it is said, were cabled from London to Captain Marsham, in charge of the buying of mules in this country for the British army. Captain Marsham today admitted that there were British war ships within easy call of the river's mouth and while not absolutely denying the fact that he had received information of the alleged Boer expedition on the seas he offered a strong argument against the possibility of the expedition being in existence.

NO CONTRABAND ARTICLES

Bundesrath Cargo is All Right and the Steamer is to Be Released.

HAMBURG, Jan. 17.—A cablegram received by the owners of the Bundesrath at Hamburg says all of the cargo of that steamer has been discharged and entirely agrees with the manifest. The prize court has not yet rendered a decision.

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—An official telegram from London says the British government has declared that now the inquiry into the seizure of the Bundesrath is concluded, its release may be expected immediately and satisfactory settlement of pending difficulties may be regarded as certain. Measures, it is added, will also be taken to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents.

The foreign office officials informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that Great Britain admits that no contraband of war was found on the Bundesrath and promises that the steamer will be released today or tomorrow.

NEWS TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE

No Knowledge of Demand Being Made on United States State Department.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—The statement in the London Morning Post that the Washington administration has received letters from France, Germany, Great Britain and Russia, demanding knowledge of the intentions of the United States as to the "open door" in China and the future of the Philippines, was news to the foreign office officials here. They said it was the first time they had heard of any such action.

More Troops Leave Sydney.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 17.—The departure of the second Australian contingent for South Africa today took place amid unprecedented scenes. The streets were decorated and thronged with crowds of demonstrators. Outside the United States consulate was a streamer bearing the words, "America wishes Australia's patriots Godspeed."

ANTI-TRUST LEAGUES AT WAR

J. J. Willets, the Alabama Democrat, Will Not Allow Bryanites to Revise His Speech.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The Tribune will say tomorrow: Two of the anti-trust leagues have clashed and a merry war is promised. Reports are spread by the Hotel Keepers' and Commercial Travelers' league that J. J. Willets, the Alabama democrat, refuses to speak at the conference called for February 12 in Chicago. The reason given is that ex-Governor Altgeld and other Bryan leaders insist on his sending them his speech in advance so they can revise it.

Mr. Willets exploited a presidential boom last summer for Judge Augustus Van Wyck of New Yorkk. The Hotel Keepers' and Commercial Travelers' league apparently has joined with him in promoting Van Wyck's candidacy.

M. L. Lockwood, president of the National Anti-Trust league, which called the convention, says of the matter:

"We made the same rule for Mr. Willets as for all other speakers, that they confine their speeches to thirty minutes. We ask all to send us their manuscripts in advance so we could prepare a synopsis for the press. This movement is bigger than Bryan, Van Wyck or any other man in America."

MODERN COATS OF MAIL.

Curious Story of the Way British Officers Protect Themselves.

To the uninitiated the days of armor have long since gone, relates the London Globe, but a visit to a certain firm situated in the West End of London will reveal the fact that hundreds of vests of mail are sold annually to officers in the British army. The maker is a well known gunsmith and a large portion of his income is derived, not from manufacturing guns, but through the sale of armor to officers.

As a general rule the mail is inclosed in a leather casing, which is sewn inside the tunic, so as to be invisible unless the garment is picked to pieces. And the same with helmets—a similar device is fixed as lining so as to give additional protection in case of need. Some officers are not above wearing mail vests underneath their tunics and perfectly obvious to their comrades, who, although they may scoff in time of peace, would be only too glad to don one themselves when in the middle of hostilities.

The majority of the maker's customers are officers, because the suits are very expensive, costing about $51 each. Nevertheless some "Tommies" are prepared to spend that amount in order to insure themselves to a certain extent against the enemy's spent bullets. Against a modern bullet, fired at short distance, of course, these suits of armor are next to useless, although they may be instrumental in turning its course or stopping its penetrating power.

During the Chinese-Japanese war of 1895 the maker in question sent out several hundred suits of armor, which were eagerly bought up by the combatants at a heavy price. During the American war of last year he did the same thing; it was not so successful, for he found he had been forestalled by Yankee firms, and such officers in the American army as had intended going in for suits of mail had already obtained them. He then offered his goods to the Spaniards, who proved to be good customers and were prepared to pay a good price for the luxury.

A notable instance of the value of mail occurred during the battle of Omdurman, last September. One officer, who is well known, got into the thick of the fight and was slashed on all sides by the dervishes. His men were surprised to see that he had escaped all the force of the blows, expecting to see him fall from his horse every minute, a mass of wounds. After the battle was over, however, he appeared perfectly unscathed, except for a few slight wounds on the chest. Then he revealed the suit of mail which covered him and to which he owed his life.

ROYAL WAYS AND WHIMS.

How Some Notables While Away Their Idle Hours.

Of all the royal personages of Europe the first up in the morning is the emperor of Germany. Winter and summer he rises at 5 o'clock. His habit is to make a very hasty toilet, swallowing a big bowl of cafe au lait as he hurries on his clothes. Then he goes out for half an hour's ride, accompanied only by a couple of officers of his bodyguard. Immediately on his return he sets himself down to his desk and is not to be disturbed till 11, when he dresses carefully and appears at lunch with the empress and the children. Then the public life of the day begins. He receives ministers, ambassadors, generals, reviews troops, makes speeches, pays a few rare calls, conducts himself in fact like a normal everyday sovereign.

The emperor of Austria, old and broken-spirited though he be, is fairly active. He is up at 7 o'clock and breakfasts on cafe au lait with a couple of rolls of Vienna bread.

The melancholy czar is a late riser. He is seldom about before 10 o'clock, when his valet brings him a cup of tea served in the Russian fashion with sugar and lemon. The queen of England is not as regular in getting up as in other details of her life. In her earlier days she was always called at the respectable hour of 7:30; now that the years have accumulated over her head she takes her ease and gets up when she feels like it. Sometimes that means 8 o'clock, more often 9, sometimes as late as 10:30. She generally absorbs a couple of tiny cups of tea the first thing; gossip says she adds, after the continental fashion, a half teaspoonful of fine cognac to the beverage.

The laziest of all the royalties is the unspeakable King Milan of Servia. He is never afoot before 12 o'clock. When he rises he sits down half dressed to lunch, a solid repast of heavy meats and puddings and wines. After lunch he smokes a couple of cigars—he likes them very strong—then if there is nothing very pressing to be done he goes back to bed and either reads or goes to sleep as the fancy takes him. About 5 o'clock he is up again and generally goes out in search of amusement. He is very seldom back at the palace till dawn, when he tumbles, usually semi-unconscious, into bed. He is not an edifying monarch, King Milan of Servia.

Hunting used to be called the sport of kings, but not many of the degenerate modern crowned heads keep up the old tradition in this respect. The czar occasionally assists at a battue, but the thing bores him and he goes only out of politeness. The prince of Wales is a very good shot and is fond of grouse shooting, but his big game days are over. The emperor of Germany hunts and shoots a good deal, but those who know him best say he doesn't much care for the sport. With him it is a matter of tradition, the right thing for a royal personage to do.

The king of Portugal, who holds the record for fatness among all the royalties, is physically disabled from such violent exercise. The king of Sweden never touches a gun. The sultan of Turkey cannot bear to see one. The king of Belgium has shot only once in his whole life, and then in a very unkingly fashion. He wanted to have the sensation of killing without the trouble of going in search of his game. So he sat in an armchair and potted at a lot of rabbits let loose from a bag in front of him. As the frightened little beasts scattered in all directions, the king blazed away from his armchair. When the smoke cleared away and his majesty called for his "bag," he had to be told that all that had been found was one tail and a certain small quantity of fluff. He never went shooting again.

The king of Italy is the only real continuer of the old kingly tradition. He is a mighty hunter and frequently throws up all the routine of work without a word of warning and goes off with one officer, Colonel Pazzimbolini, to spend several weeks in the Alps in the pursuit of the game of all kinds with which the mountains abound. Formerly he established no means of communication with Rome. Neither Queen Margherita nor any of his ministers ever knew where to find him for weeks at a time. He might have lost his throne in a sudden upheaval and known nothing of it till he descended to the plains. Of late, however, he is wiser. The queen supplicated, the ministers almost commanded him to mend his ways. And now a carrier leaves Rome every second day during his hunting expeditions, bringing reports of all that happens and taking back the royal commands.

Most of the royal personages are fond, almost to the point of insanity, of being photographed. It is not, as one might have supposed, the kaiser who holds the record. It is true he has more than 600 different portraits of himself—on horseback and on foot and in all sorts of uniforms and costumes; and he is said to spend sometimes an hour posing before a mirror when he is about to add to his collection.

But the prince of Wales beats his nephew out and out in this respect. At Marlborough house there are said to be no less than 1,500 distinct representations of the prince.

Whenever he proposes to launch a new style of dress, a certain shape of hat or fall of trousers or cut of coat, he gets himself photographed in his private rooms so as to judge of the effect. He knows that he gives the lead in men's dress all over Europe and he has a heavy sense of his responsibility. If the picture does not please him he does not sport the new costume. The tailor has to come for a fresh consultation.

The Emperor Francis-Joseph is also very fond of being photographed, but he does not like elaborate posing. He prefers the careful snapshot. He walks into the room where everything has been prepared, stands for a minute just as he may find himself in front of the camera, then walks out. He is the terror of the photographers, because he does not hesitate to express his disapproval very strongly if the picture is not to his liking.

The czar has the same distaste for the formalities of the photographer. In fact he carries it so far and shows such painful nervousness in front of the camera that it is very seldom a picture is obtained that bears any resemblance. Most of the portraits of the czar that appear are obtained by careful "touching up" of portraits of the duke of York, who is of the same build and very similar physiognomy.

The sultan of Turkey is another nervous subject. His fear, however, is not so much of the photographer and the machine as of his loyal subjects. No portrait of the sultan is allowed to be published in any country under the sway of the shadow of God. He was photographed for the first time in many years on the occasion of the kaiser's visit to Turkey. And after twenty copies had been printed the plate was taken by the sultan, who keeps it locked up in his private apartments at the Yildiz Kiosk.

Of royal women the Empress Frederick of Germany is fond both of being photographed and of photographing others. She does not like to be taken singly, but is always glad to make part in a group which she arranges herself with the nicest taste. The kaiser does not approve entirely of his wife's hobby for snapshotting. He thinks such frivolous pursuits beneath the dignity of an empress of Germany and queen of Prussia, and he has never allowed her to practice on himself.

The young queen of Holland has herself photographed on the least possible excuse. And when her mother, the old queen, makes some mild protest, she answers (they say), "Ah! it is not for myself, you know; I want to please my people."

The queen of Roumania, the literary, artistic, musical Carmen Sylva, is also a constant client of the photographer. She gets herself photographed in all sorts of romantic attitudes. Carmen Sylva painting, Carmen Sylva at her writing, Carmen Sylva playing the national songs which she herself has set to music or composed, Carmen Sylva in poetic revery.

As for the great public in its attitude to the royalties photographed here is a list of the number of pictures sold each year: The pope, 18,000; the princess of Wales, 16,000; the emperor of Germany, 15,000; the czar, 14,000; the prince of Wales, 12,000; the queen of England, 10,500; the ex-Empress Eugenie of France, 800.

BOOK AGENT WAS IN HARD LUCK.

His Recipe for the Benefit of Drowning Men Did Not Work.

"I'm through," said the book agent wearily, to a New York Telegraph reporter "I've notified the house that it may no longer expect me to risk my life handling its goods. For the last thirty days I have been touring the state with a universal compendium of knowledge, containing first aids for the wounded, treatment for snake bites, how to bring a drowned man to, and a thousand and one other things that every man should know, bound in calf and sold at a price within the reach of all. I traveled on my wheel and that enabled me not only to work the small towns, but the surrounding country as well. One day I chanced to call upon an old farmer. I tried to get him interested in the great work that I was handling, but without success until I showed him the chapter on drowning; then I saw that I had him. There was a small lake near where the boys went swimming and the old man lived in fear that some one would get drowned.

"Well, when I showed him how fully the book treated the subject I made a sale. It was a hot day, so I accepted an invitation from the old man's sons to go in swimming with them. I was hardly in the water when I was seized with a cramp. I shipped a good deal of water, but I managed to reach the shore without much trouble, although I was greatly exhausted. While I was gasping for breath the old man came running up with the book that I had sold him. Finding the chapter on drowning he read the directions to his sons and told them to go ahead. Before I knew what was going to happen I was seized by two of his husky sons and hung up by the heels and pounded on the back until all the breath was knocked out of me. Then I was rolled over a barrel and pounded again; then a bellows was jammed down my throat and I was pumped so full of wind that I thought I would burst. They tried every fool idea that was in the book and it was only owing to a sound constitution that I lived through it. I'm through! I can't afford to take the chances that are in the business."

Doll Parties.

It is astonishing how swiftly the word is now being passed around that dolls' parties are the desideratum of every child's heart. The idea of having a party for themselves and being pampered with sweatmeats is no longer entertained.

Ten days before the party is to come off little notes are sent out to a selected company. They are written by the child and worded something as follows:

"Dear Ruth—Clarissa Louise hopes very much that you will come to her party on Saturday afternoon, at half after four o'clock. She also expects you to bring with you your pet doll. Affectionately,

"ELEANOR."

Ruth then sends promptly a reply to Eleanor, in which she thanks her for her remembrance and assures her that Antoinette will be most happy to go to see Clarissa Louise on the mentioned day.

When the little people begin to arrive all the dolls of the hostess are found to be washed and freshly gowned and ready to receive them. Usually a goodly company of china-eyed beauties is soon gathered together. Often the spirit of rivalry is detected in their gowns, which not infrequently proclaim that they are miniature models from Paquin or Worth. But age, sex and even color is notably a matter of indifference. Whatever the children are going to do in the way of amusement is also arranged for the dolls; or they are considerately placed in front seats, from where they can see the fun. The true joy of one of these parties, however, is evinced at the time of refreshments, and then a separate table is especially set for the dolls. Very happy and gay they look when all seated about it; and triumphant indeed to the child that has all, or many, of the table appointments that are now made for such occasions.

One thing that the hostess should never forget is to provide a gift for each doll. As their mistresses, they like to have something to take home. For boy dolls the newest thing is one of the tiny dress suit cases which can be bought at the best shops for a dollar. A parasol or fan is always acceptable to a girl, and for babies some rattles, bottles and many little articles that particularly delight their mammas.

National Grocers' Convention.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 17.—The second day's session of the National Grocers' United annual convention opened with an address by John Henry Brooks of Chicago on "Uniform State Food Legislation." It was resolved to hold the international congress of grocer associations in St. Louis in 1900. It was also resolved to support a postal savings bill, which is now in successful operation in England and Germany. A resolution to do away with all trade schemes and trading stamps was carried, together with a resolution to send two delegates to the international congress at Paris this year at their own expense.

Commander Shaw Accepts.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 17.—National Commander Shaw of the Grand Army of the Republic has accepted an invitation to deliver an address here at the unveiling of a monument to the Tennessee federal dead on May 30.

Pass Jim Crow Car Bill.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 17.—The house of delegates today passed the "Jim Crow" car bill, a measure requiring separate cars for whites and blacks on railways.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Jan. 17.

At Southampton—Arrived—St. Louis, from New York.

At New York—Sailed—St. Paul, for Southampton. Arrived—Oceanic, from Liverpool.

Will Clear the Debt.

The Methodists of New York City have decided to raise $500,000 and clear the indebtedness on all their churches in that city.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS filed for record, Wednesday, January 17, 1899:

Warranty Deeds.

A. J. Smith to Gus Peterson, lot 5, block 2, Rose Hill.....$320

Quit Claim Deeds.

Charles Neber and wife to De R. T. Stambaugh, 55½ feet of n 58½ feet lot 24, S. E. Rogers' Okahoma..... 1

A. W. Peterson to W. C. E. Allen, four buildings and improvements on certain land in 19-15-10..... 450

Jesse Allen to same, farm house upon ne¼ ne¼ 19-15-10..... 150

Total amount of transfers.....$921

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