

A CHRISTMAS STORM.

Serious Damage By Wind in Indiana and at St. Louis.

At Washington, Ind., a Five-Story Building Was Completely Destroyed and Lives Were Lost—Damage on World's Fair Ground.

Washington, Ind., Dec. 26.—The most terrific windstorm that ever raged over this vicinity struck Washington yesterday afternoon. There was much damage and possible fatalities. A new five-story building of the Cincinnati Heating company was leveled to the ground and it is possible that lives were lost in the debris, as many visitors were in the building during the afternoon. The storm was so sudden that it is probable the people remained in the building for protection. The chief of the fire department is conducting a search to learn if any lives were lost. The loss to the building is \$20,000, and other damage resulted. Telephone and telegraph wires are down. Seymour also reports damage by the storm.

Serious Damage at St. Louis.
St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Almost zero weather prevailed last night in St. Louis and vicinity. The day opened comparatively warm and cloudy, but in the afternoon a decided change set in, the sky clearing and the temperature was accompanied by a high wind that gained a velocity of 40 miles an hour, doing considerable damage in various parts of the city. At the height of the blow portions of the east and north walls of the partially completed \$1,000,000 Buckingham hotel at West Pine and King's highway were blown down, causing damage estimated at \$75,000. The building had been leased for the world's fair period by the Buckingham club, of which Miss Helen M. Gould is a member, but the contractor says this accident will not interfere with its completion on time. On the world's fair grounds near by considerable damage resulted from the wind, which blew down scaffolds and wrecked some temporary structures.

SHE PUNISHED A BOY.

For This Miss Maudlin, an Oklahoma School-Teacher Was Attacked by a Whole Family.

Lawton, Ok., Dec. 26.—Miss Mary J. Maudlin at her schoolhouse, near Junction City, whipped a boy named Charley Gay. This incensed the boy's mother and she appeared at the schoolhouse with two grown daughters as backers to clean out the schoolroom. "I'll kill you," exclaimed Mrs. Gay, as she entered the school room, and she let fly a few sticks of stove wood that were handy.

The school-teacher, who is young but gritty, showed fight. In the free-for-all that followed she was pretty severely handled, although the fists of her assailants were the chief weapons used. One of the Misses Gay finally ran Miss Maudlin into the school yard and she came on to report to the county superintendent. The teacher's face is much bruised.

IMITATING PAT CROWE.

Blackmaller at St. Joseph, Mo., Threatens to Kidnap Son of Millionaire Tootle Unless Given Money.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 26.—Letters of a threatening character have been received by Milton Tootle, a millionaire banker of St. Joseph, for several weeks. Various sums have been demanded by blackmailers. In the last letter a demand was made for \$1,000. Mr. Tootle Wednesday night drove in an open buggy, as directed, to a secluded spot in the outskirts of the city. He was preceded, however, by six members of the police force and some friends, all heavily armed. They secreted themselves in the brush. Two suspicious characters were seen by the police, but they quickly disappeared. The blackmailers are using methods similar to those employed in the Cudahy kidnaping case and have threatened to spirit away the young son of Tootle.

Topeka Child Perishes by Fire.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 26.—Lellis Law, the six-year-old child of Perry Law, a Santa Fe shopman, was burned to death. Its clothes caught fire from the kitchen stove and before the flames could be put out the child's body was burned to a crisp.

A Quiet Christmas at the White House.
Washington, Dec. 26.—Christmas at the white house was a quiet day. President Roosevelt's morning ride was abandoned that he might attend the funeral services of Mrs. Hoar. Prior to this he spent an hour at his desk.

Burned 62,000 Bushels of Wheat.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 26.—Fire last night destroyed a granary and an elevator of the Jem Milling company containing about 62,000 bushels of wheat. Loss, \$80,000; covered by insurance.

Hoch Not a Candidate.

Marion, Kan., Dec. 25.—E. W. Hoch has decided that he will not be a candidate for the nomination for governor before the Kansas republican convention next year.

REGIME OF TURMOIL AND RIOT

Passengers on a Steamer from San Domingo Declare Anarchy and Revolution Hold Absolute Sway.

New York, Dec. 27.—The Clyde line steamer New York arrived Saturday from San Domingo, having been subjected to considerable delay in loading and discharging cargo at ports of the revolution-swept island. Cabin passengers on board said that the whole country was in a turmoil of riot, anarchy and revolution within revolution. Communication between ports, they said, was suspended and all telegraph wires were down. At Porto Plata, the home of Morales, the people were his ardent supporters, it was reported until he went to San Domingo City, when a strong Jimenez party developed. It was said that Morales would send the war vessels to bombard the town to put down the revolt.

Macoris Surrenders to Rebels.

Washington, Dec. 27.—United States Minister Powell reports to the state department from San Domingo confirming the cabled announcement that the town of Macoris has pronounced in favor of Jimenez and adds that troops from that place under the insurgent flag are marching on the city of San Domingo. A great many arrests are being made at the capital but otherwise everything is quiet.

A CRUSH FOR A DINNER.

Several Women and Children Hurt in Trying to Get a Free Meal at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—During a stampede of the 10,000 men, women and children waiting for admission, which followed the opening of the doors of the Coliseum, where the Volunteers of America yesterday gave their annual Christmas dinner, several glass doors were demolished and the dozen policemen on duty at the place managed to restore order with the greatest difficulty. In the rush several women and children were knocked down and trampled on, but none was seriously injured. The crowd was the largest that ever assembled at such an affair in Chicago and when every one had been satisfied not a morsel of the tons of food remained.

A Big Sale of Whisky.

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—Levy Bros., of this city, have bought 25,000 barrels of Kentucky bourbon from the Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse company, a branch of the whisky trust, paying for the same more than \$400,000. The whisky is in the Riply bonded warehouse near Lawrenceburg, Ky. Before it can be secured the tax of \$48 per barrel must be paid, amounting to \$1,200,000, making the whole deal involve over \$1,600,000.

Death of Maj. Malcolm McDowell.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Maj. Malcolm McDowell, widely known as an iron and steel expert, is dead, at the age of 75 years. He was the youngest brother of the late Maj. Gen. Irvin McDowell, who commanded the federal troops at the first battle of Bull Run. Maj. McDowell was aid-de-camp on his brother's staff during that battle. Deceased was an intimate friend of Gens. Grant, Sherman, Logan and of President Rutherford B. Hayes.

Colorado College's Laboratory Completed.
Colorado Springs, Col., Dec. 28.—Colorado college has completed its new laboratory building, which it has taken 2½ years to construct. It is regarded as one of the best structures for scientific purposes in the country and it is to be dedicated with a series of scientific conferences on February 22 and 23 which will be attended by a large number of the leading scientific men of the country.

Russia Gives a Rush Order for Meat.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 28.—The Cudahy Packing company, of South Omaha, is just in receipt of a rush order for 1,000,000 pounds of extra mess meat for the Russian government. The shipment must be made from South Omaha so as to reach San Francisco before January 26. On that date the Russian ships will be prepared to sail from that port with the beef on board.

Train Service from Enid to Tulsa.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 28.—Train service will be inaugurated on the Arkansas Valley & Western railroad, extending from Enid, Ok., to Tulsa, I. T., a distance of 130 miles, commencing to-day. The new road will be operated under management of the Frisco system. It is reported the road will later be extended to Alva, Ok.

Well-Known Congregational Divine.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 27.—Rev. Dr. George Edward Street, pastor Emeritus of Congregational church at Exeter, N. H., died here of heart disease, aged 69. He was widely known for his historical writings, and as a corporate member of the American board of commissioners of foreign missions.

Shoe Merchant Tires of Life.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 27.—The dead body of Phillip F. Wenz, secretary of the Wenz Shoe company of this place, was found hanging by a wire from the roof of an empty box car in the Burlington yards. Wenz is supposed to have committed suicide.

HUMAN LIFE CHEAP.

Wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio Kills Nearly 75 Passengers.

Train Ranning at Terrific Speed Crashed into a Lumber Pile and the Coaches Plunged Down the Embankment.

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 24.—With a terrible crash and a grinding noise the Duquesne Limited, the fastest through passenger train from Pittsburgh to New York on the Baltimore & Ohio, plowed into a pile of lumber at Laurel Run, two miles west of Dawson, at 7:45 o'clock yesterday evening and it is known that 63 persons were killed, 25 probably mortally injured and 50 slightly hurt. The train left Pittsburgh in the evening, running a few minutes late, in charge of Engineer William Thornley, of Connellsville. When approaching Laurel Run, which is a particularly fine piece of roadbed, the train was running at a high rate of speed. Suddenly the passengers were thrown from their seats by the lightning-like application of the air brakes and a moment later there was a terrific crash. The train was made up of two baggage, two day coaches, one sleeper and one dining car and at the time was carrying, at the lowest estimate, 150 passengers. The train plowed along for a considerable distance and the cars were torn to pieces, passengers jumping, screaming and falling from the wreck as it tore along. Suddenly the engine swerved to the left and the coaches plunged down over the embankment to the edge of the Youghiogheny river. The minute the cars stopped rolling there was a wild scene. Many were pinioned beneath the wreckage and the screams and cries that rent the air were beyond description. Many were injured in their mad excitement and plunged into the river. Others pinioned beneath the heavy timbers, pleaded in agonized tones for release. So terrific was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger suffered a moment's unconsciousness and many of the able-bodied men were unable to assist in helping the injured from the wreck on account of having fainted.

MUST CHANGE THEIR BASE.

Colombian Troops Now Camping at the Island of Pines Cannot Remain There, Says Uncle Sam.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The following cablegram was received at the navy department from Rear Admiral Coghlan, dated Colon: "Mayflower reports met with Pixon, carrying 300 men and munitions bound from base at Tumate."

The Tumate islands being a part of Colombian territory the department is without any power to act beyond observing the movements of this detachment of Colombian troops. The situation at the Island of Pines, however, is quite different, as that island is within Panama territory and it is not to be expected that the 80 or more Colombians who were landed there will be permitted to remain.

HE STOLE A STAMP.

Ellsworth De France Gets His Liberty After Serving a Term of Fifteen Years.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 24.—Ellsworth P. De France stepped from the state penitentiary yesterday a free man, after having served a term of 15 years, less good behavior time, for the theft of a two-cent postage stamp. The case is the most remarkable in the history of western courts. De France was convicted in the United States district court of Nebraska for holding up a mail car. Although it was shown at his trial that he secured only a two-cent postage stamp, he was sentenced to imprisonment for life. The matter was carried to President McKinley during his term of office, who commuted the sentence to 15 years' imprisonment.

Blow to Ticket Scalpers.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The supreme court has denied the writ of prohibition asked by the St. Louis ticket brokers against railways entering that city, to enjoin the circuit court from enforcing injunctions preventing the sale by them of excursion tickets for world's fair traffic, on the ground that the lower court has the jurisdiction in such cases.

Georgia's Governor Favors Treaty.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 24.—In a speech here last night Gov. Terrill said: "I most heartily indorse the recognition of the independence of Panama by President Roosevelt, which means the construction of an isthmian canal, a thing in which we, as southerners, are most deeply and most vitally interested. It is not and cannot be made a party matter."

Pardon for Ex-President Reiger.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Davis V. Reiger, who was convicted in Kansas City of misusing certain credits of the Missouri national bank of Kansas City, of which he was president, is pardoned. He was convicted in 1899 and sentenced to imprisonment for six years.

SUNK BY AN ICE GORGE.

The Steamboat Grapevine Goes Down at Cincinnati with All Her Cargo—Other Boats in Danger.

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—The packet steamer W. H. Grapevine was sunk at the public landing here yesterday by an ice gorge, being the second boat sunk here by ice within a week. With moving ice ten feet thick other craft and whariboats are in danger. The loss of the Grapevine, including cargo, is more than \$10,000. None of the cargo was saved and it had come from Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia points up the river heavily loaded. Capt. Davis and Mate Tucker were the last to leave the boat after all others were landed.

The Idler, a pleasure excursion steamer owned by a club, was ground to pieces by the ice here last night after being broken from her moorings.

A JOURNEY'S SAD END.

Miss Bennett, Who Came from England to Be Married, Arrives in Time for Her Betrothed's Funeral.

McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 28.—After a journey of nearly 4,000 miles, which was to have had its termination at the nuptial altar, Miss Lillian Bennett, of Wednesbury, Eng., yesterday stood in the presence of the remains of her betrothed, Ambrose Good, who was killed in the wreck of the Duquesne limited last Wednesday evening. The scene in the little darkened parlor of the home of Thomas R. Good, a brother of Ambrose, was pathetic. Just across the street from the home of Thomas Good stands the cottage which Miss Bennett's husband had purchased and furnished for her. To-day, which was to have been the last before the wedding, will witness the funeral.

A CHOIR GOES ON STRIKE.

The Pastor of a Presbyterian Church Causes Trouble by Criticising the Singers for Eating Candy During Service.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 28.—Melville church, the leading Presbyterian place of worship in Westmount, the fashionable residence suburb of Montreal, was without the services of a choir yesterday. In his sermon on Christmas morning Rev. T. W. Winfield, pastor of the church, severely criticised the members of the choir for eating candy during the progress of the service. As a result of the criticism a deputation from the choir waited upon the reverend gentleman on Saturday and requested a retraction. This he refused to make and as a result the choir, without an exception, went out on strike.

TALLEST BUILDING ON EARTH.

On Lower Broadway in New York Will Be Erected a 45-Story Structure to Cost \$10,000,000.

New York, Dec. 27.—The tallest building on earth is to be erected in lower Broadway if the present plans are carried out. With five stories below the street level, 40 stories high from the entrance to the top floor and surmounted by a 60-foot tower, the gigantic new building will have a total height of 115 feet, making it over twice as high as the Flatiron building, and almost as tall again as the Park Row building, which at present hold the record. The building would extend one full block on Broadway and its cost including the site will reach \$10,000,000.

MEMORIAL TO HIS FATHER.

James Gordon Bennett Will Lay Out and Adorn a Park in New York City for the Public Use.

New York, Dec. 27.—Announcement is made of the purpose of James Gordon Bennett to lay out and adorn a large park to be dedicated to the public use and pleasure, in memory of his father, the founder of the Herald. It will lie between the Boulevard Lafayette and Broadway, north of 182nd street and lands now owned by Mr. Bennett will be devoted to this end. Upon the highest elevation within its bounds will be reared a monument to James Gordon Bennett, the elder.

Died Before His Sweetheart's Eyes.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—In the parlor of the home of his sweetheart, Miss Susie Gillam, to whom he was to have been married on Christmas day, J. L. Householder, aged 20, last night drank carbolic acid while he had sent the young lady from the room to get him a drink of water and died in terrible agony a few minutes later before her eyes. For some reason unknown the wedding was postponed.

Lorea for Head of Rock Island.

New York, Dec. 27.—L. F. Lorea, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, will on January 1 next become president of the Rock Island company, succeeding William B. Leeds. The latter will continue as a member of the Rock Island company's executive committee.

A Nebraska Candidate for Vice President.
Omaha, Neb., Dec. 28.—The republicans of Nebraska have organized a committee composed of party leaders to further the candidacy of John L. Wester for the vice presidency before the republican national convention in 1904.

CARES FOR MANY VETERANS.

In the Government's Homes for Soldiers of the War Are Over 33,000 Inmates.

Washington, Dec. 26.—According to a report made by Brig. Gen. George H. Burton, who has just completed a tour of inspection of the various branches of the national soldiers' home, it was shown that during last year 33,157 old soldiers have been cared for. The annual per capita expense of this maintenance was \$141.70, which is an increase of 20 per cent. during the past three years, ascribed to the general advance in the cost of food products. Of the inmates 25,168 are drawing pensions of from \$6 to \$72 per month, aggregating a total of \$3,166,734. Eleven members have cash balances of more than \$1,000 each to their credit.

WILL WEED OUT DOWIEITES.

The Children of Zionists Who Are Not Vaccinated to Be Debarred from the Public Schools of Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—All children of Dowieites will be excluded from the public schools of Chicago January 4 by order of the health department. The general overseer of Zion has made his followers believe that vaccination does not prevent smallpox. The health department has decided that all children shall be vaccinated or be debarred from the public schools. The Zion children will be segregated by requiring all pupils to present certificates of vaccination. The names and addresses of all children who fail to comply with the order will be forwarded to the health department.

BRAWLS IN KANSAS CITY.

In Drunken Quarrels Yesterday One Man Was Killed and Twenty-Seven Others Injured.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—One man was killed and 27 others were more or less severely injured yesterday in Kansas City in fights of one kind and another, most of them being drunken brawls resulting from too unrestricted celebrations of Christmas. The one death was that of Edward Stark, a negro, who was shot by another negro during a general fight at a house near Twenty-fourth and Oak streets. In many of the other fights knives were used, and several of the victims are severely injured.

Rockefeller Gives Anonymously.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—In addition to the \$1,850,000 John D. Rockefeller is announced to have given the University of Chicago, \$1,096,466 donated by an anonymous donor for "special purposes" is believed to have come from him. This makes the grand total of his contributions to the university for the year \$2,946,466. Since 1889 he has contributed \$14,398,374 to the university.

He Threatened the Rich.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The source of mysterious letters, demanding large sums of money, which for the last six months have been received by men high in the financial world of New York and Chicago, was yesterday traced to Leo R. Brennan, a commercial artist of Chicago, and Brennan was arrested as he was leaving the general post office, where he had gone in answer to a decoy letter.

Feed Stray Dogs to Lions.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 26.—The Humane society of Topeka is investigating a report that a couple of employees of the Sells circus, wintering here, are feeding all the stray dogs to the lions. As the story goes, these men catch every stray dog they can find and throw it into the cage alive and watch the lions kill and devour it.

Suicide Follows Exposure.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—Crazed by the disgrace of her arrest on a charge of forgery, under which she had been arraigned and which it is alleged she virtually confessed, Mrs. Mary Holmes Gibbs, granddaughter of George C. Holmes, former city assessor, died soon after midnight at her home, 1105 Central street.

Disfranchised for Selling Votes.

Harrisburg, Ill., Dec. 25.—Oscar Gillespie, of Independence, and John Marren, of West End, appeared before County Judge Thompson and pleaded guilty to selling their votes at a recent election held in this (Saline) county. Judge Thompson gave them the minimum punishment, disfranchising them from voting for a period of five years.

An Earthquake at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—A severe earthquake shock, lasting about eight seconds, occurred here at 9:45 yesterday morning. The big buildings in the business center swayed for an instant as though they would fall and people rushed into the streets, thinking some explosion had occurred. No damage is reported.

Taft Sails from Manila.

Manila, Dec. 25.—Gov. Taft was given an enthusiastic farewell as he took a steamer for San Francisco. Thousands lined the streets along which he passed, many delegations coming from outside provinces.